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#### TODAY'S NEWS

# Historic Ulster clash was mild as celery

Ulster Unionists sat across the negotiating table from Sinn Fein yesterday in a meeting billed as a historic encounter: it was the first time the official Unionists had faced hard-line republicans for three-quarters of a century. In the event, it turned out to be low-key and subdued. The Unionists launched a prepared attack on Gerry Adams and Martin McGulnness, calling for their expulsion from the talks. However, one of the non-combatants at the private Stormont session described the verbal assault as like "being beaten with a stick of celery". Page 3

#### Extra university funds

By paying out students' loans in three instalments next year, the Government succeeded in generating an extra £165m for universities next year - money that it hopes will be used to improve poorer students' prospects of going to college. Page 8

#### Christian exodus

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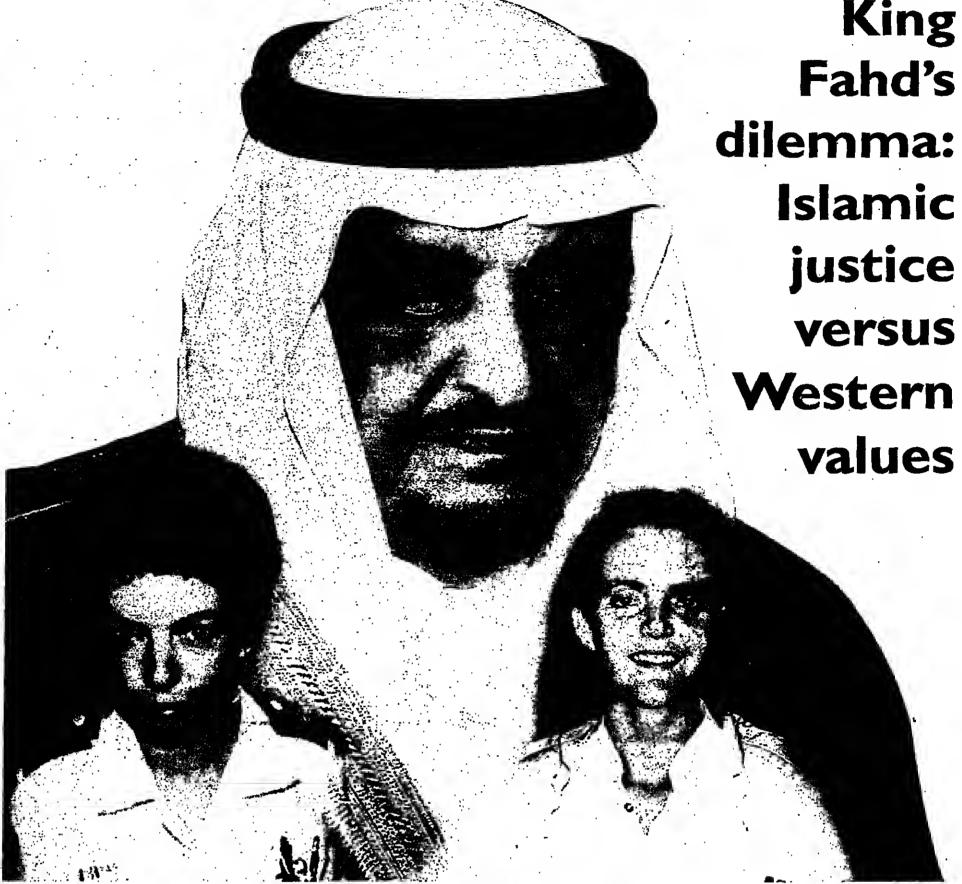
#### SEEN & HEARD

The producers of EastEnders were forced to apologise to the Irish yesterday after an episode of the soap, set in Dublin, portrayed many characters as drunken ignorant bores. More than 150 people rang the BBC to complain and the Irish embassy took up the cudgels on behalf of its people following the "stereotyped and prejudiced" episode. The Irish Tourist Board weighed in saying it was concerned at "the negative image of Irish hospitality" indicated by the soap. The programme showed a drunken man pour beer over one character, and then demand payment for the drink. Also in the cast was a rude, unfriendly hotelier, several surly relatives of Pauline Fowler and resentful, unwelcoming bar customers.

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Royal prerogative: The fates of Deborah Parry (left) and Lucille McLauchlan now rest with King Fahd

British nurses Deborah Parry and Lucille McLauchlan were last night facing reported sentences of death and 500 lashes respectively, following the murder of a fellow nurse in Saudi Arabia. But, according to Jojo Moyes, frantic diplomatic efforts are likely to prevent a humanitarian and diplomatic crisis.

Last night the nurses slept in the Central Prison in Dammam, Saudi Arahia, apparently unaware of an unfolding diplomatic furore over reports that one had been sentenced to death, the other to 500 lash-

es and eight years in prison.

Lucille McLauchlan's sentence, for "offences related" to the death of Australian nurse Yvonne Gilford, was confirmed yesterday by her lawyers, who were told of it at a hearing in El Khobar and immediately lodged an appeal.

gling to confirm the fate of Deborah Parry, also charged with Ms Gilford's murder, after lawyers representing Ms Gilford's family issued a statement saying that she had been sentenced to death by beheading. "Defendant Deborah Parry has been found guilty of intentional murder pun-

The Foreign Office was yesterday strug-

McLauchlan has been found guilty of related offences and sentenced to flogging and eight years in prison," said the Saudihased International Law Firm. Confusion followed. The Foreign Office and her lawyer in Saudi Arahia, Salah al-Hejailan, stressed that no verdict had been reached in respect of Ms Parry. But Mr He-

ishable by death and defendant Lucille

jailan said that the victim's brother had agreed not to press for the death penalty. "A settlement has been signed with (Frank) Gilford to waive the death penalty. It is signed and done and winessed and authenticated," he said. According to Sharia law, Mr Gilford can instead accept some form of reparation.

The Saudi ambassador to Britain, Ghazi Algosaibi, reiterated this. "If this agreement is finalised, and I understand it is, then there will be no question of the death penalty being imposed at any point of the proceedings," he told Sky News.

But in Britain, reaction to the women's reported fate was swift and unhappy. Foreign Secretary Rohin Cook said he was "deeply concerned" by the severity of McLauchlan's sentence. "That is wholly unacceptable in a modern world. Nobody should be asked to put up with anything approaching that kind of physical punishment." he said, adding that he would be

redoubling his efforts on the case.

The plight of the two nurses has captured the world's attention, prompting an unusual level of diplomatic activity. Less visible yesterday was diplomatic outrage at the news that between 85 and 200 men, women and children were massacred in Algeria, including those attempting to rescue the booby-trapped bodies of the others.

According to Amnesty International, there have been between 120 and 200 floggings in Saudi Arabia so far this year. Floggings take place publicly or behind prison walls, and are carried out using a metrelong bamboo cane. In more severe sentences, lashes may be "staggered"; one woman sentenced to 200 lashes last year received them in batches of 50 separated by a few days to allow her wounds to heal. If this were applied to Ms McLauchlan, her sentence could be carried out over a period of months, or even years.

#### INSIDE

Robert Fisk asks: What is the House of Saud really after?

Jojo Moyes describes the Muslim challenge to the Western perception of Sharia

Rupert Cornwell points out that while the fate of the two nurses grips the British press, Islamic fundamentalists slaughtered scores of women and children in Algeria. This year 107 people have been beheaded for murder, rape and drugs smuggling in the kingdom.

Diplomats and lawyers stressed yesterday that neither of the nurses was likely to receive the full reported sentence. But Britain and Saudi Arahia are now under heavy pressure to find a diplomatic solution acceptable to both sides. This is not surprising given the trade relationship between the two countries. Last year, visible exports from the UK, one quarter of them arms, totalled £2.5hn, while imports, mainly oil, totalled around £752m.

Both governments are apparently keen to avoid a repeat of the four-month diplomntic stand-off that took place following the television screening of the film *Death* of a *Princess*. This depicted the public beheading of a 19-year-old princess from the Saudi royal family who admitted committing adultery with a commoner.

The two British nurses were arrested on charges of murdering their colleague Ms Gilford in December at the hospital complex in eastern Saudi Arabia where they worked

Ms Gilford was found stabbed 13 times, bludgeoned and suffocated in her room at the King Fahd military medical complex in Dhahran on 11 December. Ms Parry, 38, and Ms McLauchlan, 31, were charged with her murder the same month.

Yesterday's development came as an ap-

peals court in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, was still reviewing the case as part of a lengthy mandatory appeals process. The procedure would involve a decision by yet another court and Saudi King Fahd. There was no word from Saudi authorities on the case. But the parents of, and British lawyers

for, Ms McLauchlan and Ms Parry said yesterday it was difficult to understand what had happened. They were "surprised and shocked" that the court had upheld a conviction based on confessions which were later withdrawn.

"Not one shred of evidence against either nurse has been heard in court. They have not had a trial, we just find it absolutely unbelievable." said Stan McLauchlan, Lucille's father. He added that he expected the women would only hear of the verdict on the BBC World Service on a radio in their cell, "That says everything about the system we are up against," he added.

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Tony Blair might himself have to make a pilgrimage to the land of the two Islamic holy places and show as much concern for the two peoples' nurses as he did for the people's late princess, writes Robert Fisk.

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From Syria to Egypt, from Lebanon to Israel, Christians of the Middle East are being squeezed out of the lands which have formed the cradle

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Jonathan Aitken is following in Jeffrey Archer's footsteps, turning from poliocs to fiction. His new novel is believed to be about a public figure brought down by the envy and cynicism of lesser mortals.

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#### **PEOPLE**



Cherie Booth with Ms Phelps outside the High Court after the hearing

#### Dyslexic successfully sues education authority

Pamela Phelps, a dyslexic, brought hope to hundreds schools. "It implies that schools are going to he at of fellow sufferers yesterday when she successfully sued her former education authority for failing to spot the condition.

In a landmark judgment, the High Court awarded £45,650 damages to Ms Phelps after hearing how she had been condemned to a life of "temporary menial tasks" because of her "inadequate" education.

The ruling is likely to open the way for hundreds of dyslexics preparing similar legal claims against their schools and local education authorities. Ms Phelps' solicitor, Jack Rabinowicz, whose firm

handling 50 such cases, said: "Many children have been badly let down and this case will mean they can now go ahead to claim compensation." He added: "Pamela hopes that her success will mean that other children will not have to go through the trauma 'subject and arranged for her to have tests. that she had, and that there will be ... better appreciation of the needs of special-needs children."

Later, David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, warned the ruling could have "devastating" implications for

much greater risk of claims for damages," he said.

In his judgment, Mr Justice Garland ruled that Hillingdon Borough Council was liable for breaches of duty of care by educational psychologist Diane Melling who failed to diagnose that Pamela was dyslexic in 1985. Miss Melling "erred" in attribut-ing her learning difficulties to emotional problems.

Ms Phelps went to Hayes Park Infants School in 1978 and was referred for the first time to an educational specialist at the end of 1980. She was not seen by an educational psychologist until she moved to Mellow Lane Comprehensive School in 1985. Cherie Booth QC, who represented Pamela at the hearing in July, said the condition was only spotted when her family saw a television programme on the

After yesterday's decision Ms Phelps, from Hayes End, Middlesex, said she would use the money for special tuition and hoped to take GCSEs eventually so she could become "rich and famous".

- Michael Streeter

#### Pavarotti and Verdi prove to be the ultimate duet as concerts sell out

Tickets to hear Luciano Pavarot- 65 per cent sold. Such sales go two hours.

It is the first time that the South ly, on the increase. Bank Centre in London has weltalked more of expanding pop and rock music, but the 1997-1998 season focuses on the six resident orchestras, ranging from the London Philharmonic to the Alban Berg Quartet. The Philharmonia season until next March is already

ti singing Verdi's Requiem with the some way to confirming the claim Philharmonia in the Royal Festi- of Nicholas Snowman, the centre's val Hall in December sold out in artistic director, that attendances at classical concerts are, marginal-

Other highlights on the South comed both Pavarotti and his Bank this winter include Nigel fellow tenor, Placido Domingo, to Kennedy playing Elgar, Sir Simon the hall. In the past, the centre has Rattle conducting the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, and the Royal Ballet, featuring Darcey Bussell, Viviana Durante and Leanne Benjamin, with Tales of Beatrix Potter and Peter and the

- Clare Gamer

#### Hopkins's Hannibal voted baddest baddie ever

Hannibal Lecter is the most evil movie character long line of Dennis Hopper baddies. ever, according to a top 100 of film bad guys.

The cannibal with a taste for Chianti, memorably portrayed by Anthony Hopkins in Silence Of The Lambs, is top baddie in the list prepared by Total Film magazine. It follows last month's selection of Harrison Ford as the top film actor of all time in an Empire magazine poll.

Behind Dr Lecter in Total Film magazine is Henry. played by Michael Rooker in Portrait Of A Serial Killer, John Doe as portrayed by Kevin Spacey in Seven, Joe Pesci's Tommy DeVito in Goodfellas and Frank Booth from Blue Velvet, one of a after his mates."

Blue Velvet is the only pre-1990 film in the top five, supporting the theory that film baddies get

There are only seven evil women in the top 100, topped at number 15 by the Kathy Bates character from Misery, the role that won her an Oscar. Vinnie Jones, the Wimbledon footballer with a

mean reputation, told Total Film his favourite Disney film was Jungle Book, mainly because of his Baloo the bear: "He was the best dresser in the whole jungle, and he was a good bloke who always looked

#### UPDATE

#### **HEALTH**

#### Early-death warning for the obese

One in five adults risks an early death because of obesity, an expert warned yesterday. But many of those at risk are unlikely to be helped because doctors and patients are not oo the same wavelength.

Professor Tony Winder, of the Royal Free Hospital in Hampstead, London, claims that while doctors and other health workers are concerned about the health risks associated with obesity, such as stroke, heart disease, diabetes and osteoarthritis, patients are more worried about the low self-esteem which often comes with being fat and the possible loss of their

"We all know that fat people eat more than they need, although that may still not seem much," he said. "The question is - what are we going to do about it and who is going to take the lead? First we have to get the patients and health people on the same wavelength, then to establish team systems for working with patients on their problems." The subject of how obesity should be treated was to be debated at the hospital yesterday.

#### Judiciary reluctant to tackle racism

Government plans to force judges to hand out tougher sentences to people convicted of racially motivated crimes have received a boost from new evidence showing that the judiciary is reluctant to take on racism.

A study conducted by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) shows that judges only use their discretionary power to add time to sentences, where racism has been a motive, in 20 per cent of cases.

The paper shows that between April 1996 and March 1997 the CPS identified 937 cases of harassment or violence where the perpetrator was acting partially or wholly out of racist higotry. But in only 181 of those cases did judges indicate that the sentence was increased as a result of

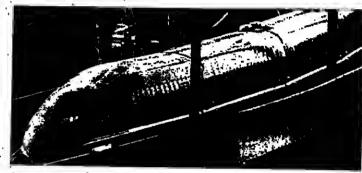
The figures will add weight to the case for tougher sentences for racially motivated crimes to become obligatory. Government proposals, which are expected to form part of Home Secretary Jack Straw's Crime and Disorder Bill, will be published within weeks.

— Paul George

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#### TRANSPORT

#### Japan's trains take track record



There may be faster ways of travelling, but not on railway tracks, Japan's latest shinkansen bullet trains are now officially the fastest passenger carriages in the world, according to a global survey by Railway Gazette.

The 120-mile stretch from Hiroshima to Kokura takes only 44 minutes as Japanese travellers are propelled at more than 160mph on the shinkansen. The French TGV, for 15 years the world's speediest service, races along at a little more than 158mph from Lille to Paris.

Eurostar manages to claim third place, on its journey from Paris to Mons, where it clocks more than 130mph. Britain's fastest railway, Great North Eastern, takes sixth spot with its 190-mile trip from London to York which runs at an average speed of 112 mph. However, this title may soon slip away from the east-coast service. Chris Jackson, deputy editur of Railway Gazette, pointed out that Richard Branson's Virgin group had ordered trains that will run at 160 mph: "They are talking about it, but Virgin's West Coast service needs to upgrade a lot of track first," he said.

#### INSURANCE

#### Private medicine loses its appeal

The lure of private medicine has lost its lustre, according to the latest figures. Despite the booming economy, the better-off are refusing to use their wealth to pay for medical insurance that guarantees them privacy. a choice of menu and a chat with the consultant when they are ill.

The number of people covered by private medical insurance, at almost 6.4 million, is lower than it was six years ago, at the start of the recession, according to Laing's Review of Private Health Care 1997, published today. Although the drop of 200,000 since 1990 is attributed to a change in the way the figures are counted, the report says that "no significant volume growth has taken place" over the past six years.

A key reason is the sharp rise in premiums, up 7.4 per cent last year and up 58 per cent since 1990 to an average £553 per subscriber in 1996. People who have private cover are using it more and appear to be keeping new subscribers out of the market by driving up premiums.

— Jeremy Laurance





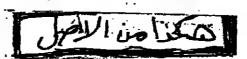




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# Moment of history turns into a damp squib

The Uister Unionist Party and Sinn Fein yesterday met face to face for the first time in the multi-party talks at Stormont in Belfast. David McKittnck, Ireland Correspondent, suggests that they resulted in something closer to a whimper than a bang.

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track record

leise's its appeal

After an unexpectedly short and low-key encounter, the British and Irish governments will now attempt to end the procedural trench warfare and propel the talks into real negotiations by Monday of oext

This is to be done by the introduction of a procedural motion, the terms of which were being worked on overnight, which would effectively herald the start of real negotiations.

. Yesterday's sessioo was described as historic in that it brought Ulster Uniooist and republican leaders together in the same room for the first time in generations. Next week promises to be even more significant if the two sides begio to do business, even if only at a distance.

The Unionist party brought forward an indictment against Sinn Fein, seeking to have the republicans expelled from Stormont. This took the form of a 30-minute attack by the party's security spokesman, Ken Maginnis MP.

Mr Maginois and his party leader, David Trimble, theo left the room before Sinn Fein's president, Gerry Adams, made his reply, though other Uniooists stayed

According to a number of sources Mr Adams's reply was made in generalised terms, taking up less than 10 minutes. One person who was present said: "It was out a very sharp Unionist attack. It was a piece of cake for Adams to deal with it - he just took the high road, said he wanted to look forward, stretch out the hand of peace, and so on.

Various other parties contributed to the discussion, but the session lasted only 90 minutes rather than the three hours which had been set aside for it. The British gov-



Youthful hope: Pupils leaving St Dominic's Roman Catholic girls school in West Belfast yesterday as the talks continued at Stormont Photograph: Brian Harris

ernment is to give its ruling on the jodici- expected, Sino Fein are out thrown out, ment today, but it is coosidered a foregone

conclusion that Sino Fein will oot be ejected from Stormont.

though Mr Trimble said the party would vary its tactics on a day-to-day basis.

One participant described the session The Unionist party has made it clear as a damp squib, while another said the referee and the crowd but had not laid a that it will remaio in the talks eveo if, as Unionist attack must have been like "be-

ing heaten with a stick of celery." The middle of the road Alliance Party said the occasion had been "like a boxing match where one of opponents had attacked the

The Government will be happy that the occasioo has passed without real fireworks and that it appeared to assume an element of ritual rather than posing any obvious danger to the continuation of talks,

Outside the talks Mr Maginnis contin-

ued the attack on Sinn Fein, declaring: "The truth will come out about Sinn Fein and the IRA and the Secretary of State had better guard her language very carefully in how she responds to the charges we put today. She had better he careful what she says in case her words turn round and hite her.

"We know that Martin McGuinness and Gerry Adams have been actively involved in the IRA's terrorist campaign since the beginning as activists, as commanders and now as godfathers. Let them deny what everyooe knows and make greater liars of themselves than they already are."

Emerging from the talks Mr Adams dismissed the Unionist indictment as a sham. declaring: "This was hailed as the great confrontation, the great showdown, the great challenge to Sinn Feio. But the leaders of Unionism came into the room, made a submission and then scampered out of the room to talk to the media.

"David Trimble didn't say anything and had he listened to what I had to say, I made the point that every section of our people have suffered and that none of us have a monopoly on suffering."

Mr Trimble was attacked by the Rev Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party for taking part to the talks process. Peter Robinson MP said: "Today's sham fight at Stormont is but the slip road to full negotiations between the Ulster Unionists and

the IRA. Trimhle and company have ditched every commitment they gave and every principle they held. Boy David may come out beating his chest, but in reality he is

beating a retreat." British and Irish government ministers met last night to plan the next move in the

Mr Trimble was seeking to remodel the talks process.

"There will be other ways and other opportunities for us to put Sinn Fein oo the hack foot. We will pick and choose what we do and our tactics.

"We are there not to negotiate with Sinn Fein and there is no obligation for us to be present the whole time. We will degotiate with the Government and other parties. We can pick and choose bilaterals."



Michael Collins: Hoped to coax Northern ireland into a union

#### A bunch of toughs, a bottle of Guinness, aristocratic sex, and the odd de Valera lecture on Irish history

The tale of the last time Ulster Uniooists formally met republicans, 75 years ago, involves political drama, a great deal of violence, several bottles of Guinness and a certain amount of sex.

In 1921, with killings going on io both parts of Ireland. James Craig, prime minister of the fledgling onrthern state, couragenusly placed himself in the hands of the IRA to meet Eamon de Valera in Dublin, It was an awkward encounter, not least because a duplicitous British official had told each man that the other had requested the meeting.

De Valera recalled: "I said after the first few momeots' sileoce, 'Well?' I theo said, 'I'm too old at this political busioess to have nonsense of this kind, each waiting for the other to begin', and I started putting our case to him."

De Valera launched into ooe of his legendarily protracted reviews of Irish history. Craig later recounting that after the era of Brian Boru". The meeting came to nothing. Craig judging de Valera "impossible".

A series of more promising meetings took place the following year between Craig and Michael Collins.

Winston Churchill, as colonial secretary, brought them together, later recording: "They met in my room at the Colonial Office which, despite its enormous size, seemed overcharged with electricity. They both glowered magnificeotly but after a short, commooplace talk I slipped away upon some excuse and left them together. What these two Irishmen, separated by such gulfs of religion, sentiment, and conduct, said to each other I cannot tell."

Churchill sent them in for lunch oot only mutton chops but also several bottles of Guinness, apparently ignorant of the fact that Collins did oot like porter.

half an hour he "had reached the eod of Even without its lubricating qualities, however, Craig and Collins uoexpectedly succeeded in reaching agreement on a number of issues.

> According to Craig, he asked Collins "straight nut whether it was his inteotino to have peace in Ireland or whether we were to go on with murder and strife, rivalry and boycott and unrest in Northeru Ireland". Collins, he reported. "made it clear that he wanted a real peace, but hoping to coax her [Northern Ireland) into a union later".

> Within days, however, the accord was swamped by escalating violeoce. Two further meetings were held, the second producing a detailed agreement headed by the statemeou "Peace is today declared." Once again, however, the tide of violence swept the agreement aside as the south degeocrated into civil war.

The element of sex in the tale came from the exotic Anglo-Irish Loodooder-

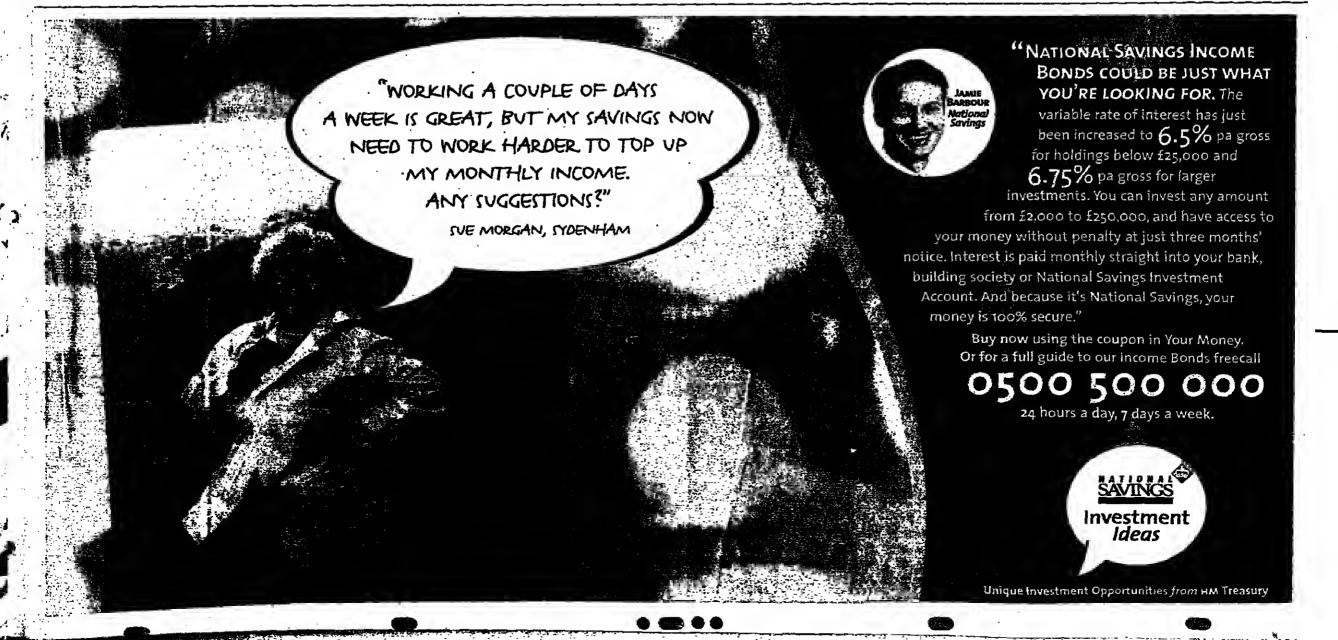
ry family. Craig was accompanied at the final meeting by Lord Loodnoderry, a member of his cabinet, who also met Collins privately and later enthused: "I cao say at once that I speot three of the most delightful hours that I ever speot in my life."

Loodnoderry may not have known that his wife had formed a close and appareotly sexual attachment to Collins. In a passinnate letter Collins wrote to her. he said of her husband: "I cootrast myself with him, my uccouthness with his distinction, my rough speech with his unconscious breeding and the worst of it is I like and admire him and feel that he is brave and honest."

The 1920s meetings cootain many echoes of modern politics but seem to offer few lessons apart, perhaps, from the general point that busy politicians should keep an eye oo their wives.



Lady Londonderry: Passionate - David McKittrick correspondence with Collins



#### Smuggled meat sets back hopes for easing beef ban

Hopes for an easing of the European Union's ban on British beef suffered a fresh setback yesterday after the European Commission said it had evidence that smuggled beef from the United Kingdom was getting into Germany. Brussels has asked the German authorities to order the closure of at least one meat plant and to step up controls on a handful of others, all in the Hamburg regioo. Bono, which holds the key to any decisioo to relax the ban, immediately ruled out any support for special concessions even to Northern Ireland. Jack Cunningham, the Minister for Agriculture, admitted that Bonn's reaction in yesterday's meeting was tougher than acticipated.

The latest fraud concerns an unspecified tonnage of suspected British beef seized from plaots io Germany which were raided by inspectors last week. There are growing fears in Brussels that a highly organised international fraud ring is smuggle British beef in the EU, and also to Russia. - Katherine Butler, Brussels

#### Nuclear fusion sets record

Europe's flagship nuclear fusion programme has achieved a new record power output, taking the world another small but significant step down the long road to a virtually unlimited, environmentally friendly fuel source. Earlier this week the Joint European Torus (JET) io Abingdon, Oxfordshire, set a new record by generating more than 12 megawatts of fusioo power - the same process that fuels the sun. This set a record for the ratio of power generated to power input: JET achieved an "efficiency" of 50 per cent, double that achieved before.

Fusion would create no hazardous waste, and could be fuelled from the sea for millions of years. However, the main thing that fusion generates at the moment is hills: JET alone has an annual budget of £54m. But scientists do not think a fusion power statioo will be feasible until the middle of the oext century, 100 years after the concept was devised. - Charles Arthur

#### PC wins tribunal against force

A policewoman who said she was told by a senior officer that women did not belong in the police and she was "taking jobs from his boys" yesterday won her sexual discrimination case. Kay Kellaway. 34, also told an industrial tribunal in Reading that she was thrown to the ground by a male inspector who called her a "whore, hitch and slag" while a report suggested she was a lesbian.

The tribunal, by a two to one majority, yesterday found that Ms Kellaway had been "discriminated against and victimised on account of her sex" by Thames Valley Police. The force, which now faces the prospect of a compensatioo claim from PC Kellaway, immediately said it was considering appealing against the - Jason Bennetto, Crime Correspondent

#### Youth jail grossly overcrowded

A jail for young offenders aged under 21 is "bursting at the seams" with a "disturbing" number of 15- and 16-year-old being locked up, a critical report published yesterday said. Feltham Young Offenders Institution in west London had become a "gigantic transit camp" which was "grossly overcrowded" with more than 900 inmates, said Sir David Ramsbotham, Chief Inspector of Prisons. He said that the increasing numbers and shortage of resources at the jail made it incapable of tackling re-offending.

Sir David is about to publish a special report on the condition of young offenders, which he believes need urgent attention and a designated director. - Jason Bennetto



Ground flight: Pilot Andy Green walks towards Thrust SSC in preparation for his attempt yesterday evening on the land-speed record in Nevada, United States

#### Genetic tests arrive in the post

Companies offer genetic testing by post, to let prospective parents know the risk of having a child with cystic fibrosis. More tests are coming - for breast cancer, diabetes, perhaps even Alzheimer's, but the

Government can't, or won't, legislate. Charles Arthur, Science Editor, asks why.

Companies which offer genetic testing to the public will not be subject to legislation, a government-appointed committee said yesterday.

But the members admitted that no law

one would be extremely difficult.

At least two companies in the UK; University Diagnostics (UDL) of London and Leeds Antenatal Screening Service (LASS), already offer "postal" testing for the inherited genetic disease of cystic fibrosis. For between £65 and £98, they will examine a sample of saliva and determine whether it comes from someone who carries a mutation of the gene that causes the disease. If two parents have a mutated CF gene, there is a 25 per cent chance that their child will have the illness.

Tests for CF are just the beginning. Soon, companies will be able to test for a range of "late-onset" diseases, where having particular genes means the patient may become ill with breast cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer's, asthma and many covers such companies, and that framing other conditions which at present are only

tenuously linked to genetic causes.

The Advisory Committee on Genetic Testing (ACGT), chaired by Professor Marcus Pembrey, yesterday published a code of practice and guidance for companies which supply human tests. It decided that tests should not be offered to people under 16, and that counselling about the meaning of a positive test should be available at no extra charge.

Professor Pembrey said that the latter was necessary because "the technique [of testing] may be simple, but interpretation is difficult".

The ACGT's decision to shy away from legislation stemmed partly from the lack of any law which could be used against companies offering testing. "In the end, it's just a service," said a Department of Health spokesman.

#### Free vote for MPs on lowering gay age of consent to 16

MPs are to be offered a free vote on lowering the age of sexual consent for gay men to 16, paving the way for a change in the law. The move, which is expected to be announced by the Government in the next few days, is almost certain to lead to the reduction of the age limit for homosexual men from 18 to 16. It is understood that the new limit, which was reduced from 21 three years ago, is expected to become law by the beginning of 1999.

The move follows a decision by Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, to agree to a free vote in the Commons rather than face a defeat in the European Court of Human Rights over Britain having a higher age of consent for gay men than heterosexuals.

In return, Stonewall, the gay rights' campaign group, has agreed to halt its European challenge to the UK laws. They have backed a case brought by Euan Sutherland, 20, a student, against the Government. Mr Sutherland argued that the higher age of consent breached his right of privacy and the right not to be dis-criminated against in his private life. A second challenge has been launched by Chris Morris, 18, who also argues that the current law is discriminatory.

Mr Straw is expected to make his announcement as soon as the European Commission publishes its response to Mr Sutherland's application. This could be as early as tomorrow.

A free vote in the Commons is expected to provide a thumping majority for lowering the age of consent, particularly as the party leaders Tony Blair, William Hague and Paddy Ashdown all voted in favour of 16 in the 1994 vote, which was defeated by a 27 majority. If there is a yes vote to a change, the Government could include it as an amendment to the forthcoming Crime and Disorder Bill. However, it is more likely to be in a separate Bill; legislation could then be introduced in just over a year.

- Jason Bennetto, Crime Correspondent

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#### DAILY POEM

#### Night Garden of the Asylum

by Elizabeth Jennings

An owl's call scrapes the stillness. Curtains are barriers and behind them The beds settle into neat rows, Soon they'll be ruffled. :

The garden knows nothing of illness. Only it knows of the slow gleam Of stars, the moon's distilling, it knows Why the beds and lawns are levelled.

Then all is broken from its fullness. A human cry cuts across a dream. A wild hand squeezes an open rose. We are in witchcraft, bedevilled.

This week's poems come from Beyond Bedlam (Anvil Press, £7.95). An anthology of work "written out of mental distress", it has been edited by Ken Smith and Matthew Sweeney to mark the 750th anniversary of the Bethlem Royal and Maudsley hospitals; proceeds from the volume go to three mental health charities. Elizabeth Jennings's poem appears in her Collected Poems (Carcanet).

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# Blair may be forced to make pilgrimage

by accident in the Middle East. And the Saudi court conviction and sentencing of Deborah Parry and Lucille McLauchlan is no different. True, Saudi Arabia is a state more fundamentalist, far more illiberal if the very word "liberal" could ever be used in a Saudi context - and, these days, more brutal than Iran. True, its religious muttawa police are largely ignorant zealots. And true, Saudi Arabia bas an unhappy habit of chopping off heads outside mosques every Friday - every year, two or three of them of women - but the heads tend to belong to Sri Lankans or Nigerians or Filipinos or Indians or Pakistanis.

While the last remnants of the British empire faded away in the Gulf in the 1970s, killing young English ladies is still not the kind of behaviour that the Saudis would undertake lightly. And it isn't just a question of whether the Sandi Embassy in London would be burned to the ground by mobs and its gentle and literate amhassador given undiplomatic treatment by ontraged Britons. Britain remains one of the would rather like the king and

principle armourers of the kingdom, as well as being the staunchest ally in the Gulf to that most loyal and greedy of Saudi Arabia's friends: the United States.

And, since Saudi courts are little more than a mockery readers in doubt should call up. Amoesty and ask for their latest file on the country - the sentencing of the two British nurses must have political reasons.

#### BY ROBERT FISK

So what are the Sandis unbappy about in Britain just now? It is impossible to escape the name of Mohamed al-Masari, the Saudi dissident whom John Major tried to deport to a remote holiday island but whom the courts decided could stay in Britain. The Saudis were enraged by this decision - just as they are furious with the continued base in London of other opponents of the royal family. Mr al-Masari

fate that one of the nurses might supposedly endure. And if Mr al-Masari were to be sent back to Saudi Arabia, he, no doubt, would endure just such

King Fahd can ultimately

quash any sentence. But, given the Saudi propensity to continue with this case, it looks as though the Foreign Office is going to have to perform some party routines. Praise for the Saudi royal family along with some special pleading and gentle reminders of Gulf War sacrifice, perhaps? Or promises to shut up Mr al-Masari and his mates - a swift bit of legislation about the use of fax machines might bring a smile to the FOC

Or maybe the Saudis need a bigger institution to grovel to them for mercy. Heads of state visiting Riyadh are regularly reminded that the House of Saud . demands respect. In the end, therefore Tony Blair might himself have to make a pilgrimage to the land of the two Islamic holy places and show as much concern for the two peoples' nurses as he did for the late people's princess.



Yvonne Gifford: The Saudis could be using the nurses allegedly guilty of her murder as a lever

#### In Algeria 200 die but the West looks away

On the day that national attention was focused on the fate of two British nurses accused of a murder in Saudi Arabia, Islamic militants in a Muslim country far closer to Europe murdered at least 85 people by cutting their throats, disembowelling them, or burning them alive.

The butchery has been going on for almost six years. For most papers and broadcasters, it doesn't seem to be 'news'.Rupert Comwell describes the latest horror in Algeria.

The latest massacre, in the suburb of Baraki, barely 20km (13 miles) from the centre of Algiers, was as bestial as any during the Islamic fundamentalist insurgency which may have cost up to 60,000 lives since the army-backed regime cancelled elections in late 1991.

According to security forces, 85 people were killed and 67 wounded. The victims had been "assassinated in a cowardly way", a phrase denoting they had their throats cut. Some of the bodies were then burnt. Algerian television showed images of charred houses, their floors covered in blood.

But residents were quoted as saying that at least 200 people lost their lives in the butchery, which would it make the second deadliest attack since the fighting began in 1992. It came just three days after 53 people were killed in a village in the Medea region, south-west of the capital, Press reports said the victims included babies, one of whom was found nailed to the door of a house. Eyewitnesses spoke of babies being decapitated. Eight rescue workers were reportedly wounded by boobytraps planted in disembowelled bodies of victims, some of whom were pregnant women.

Despite his inability to stop the carnage, President Liamine Zeroual has refused offers of mediation from the United Nations. In the absence of a truce, terror now grips the populace. Self defence militias, armed with guns and axes, have sprung up in Algiers and the surrounding countryside to provide the protection the Government cannot. Public opinion in Europe is unmoved.

#### Code of law centuries away from British legal system

According to its defenders, the Sharia, the Muslim code of law, is far from the brutal system commonly portrayed in the

It is, however, very different from the British legal system. Courts usually sit in closed session and judges interpret laws rigidly from eighth-century Koranic and prophetic texts. The hest judges, or qadis, are considered to be those straight from college because of their assumed purity.

with Yvonne Gilford, the state is bound to respect the wishes of the victim's family.

The Koran gives relatives of a murder victim the absolute right to insist on a "life for a life". Yet it heaps praise on

those who forgive and pardon. "Hand-chopping" is applied only in very specific kinds of theft and under most stringent conditions.

Criminals, for example, do not lose hands for embezzle-

In cases of murder, such as ment, forgery, stealing public money, or stealing items not properly protected.

There are other examples of a more liberal approach. According to the Sharia, a wife, in the marriage contract, can retain the right to divorce and can specify the financial settlement when a divorce occurs.

Likewise, adultery cannot be established unless four witnesses convince the court that they saw with their own eyes "the whole thing". .

But the system is not welcomed by everyone. Lawyers for Parry and McLauchlan said yesterday: "Whilst it is accepted that the Saudi judicial system must operate under its own rules of procedure, it is difficult

to understand a system which provides the accused with no information as to the evidence he or she faces and a judicial process where no witness evidence is heard."

And punishments, when

There have been 100 executions in Saudi Arabia so far this year. Earlier this month, five Saudis were beheaded after being found guilty of kidnapping and raping a young boy, while a Filipino was executed

for stabbing a man to death. Three months ago, a young west African woman was beheaded in public in Jeddah. while three other women two Pakistanis and a Saudi had their heads cut off in Sauthey come, are unequivocal. di Arabia last year. The Saudi

woman had been convicted of shooting her husband: the others were all convicted of smuggling drugs.

Amnesty International estimates there have been hetween 120 and 200 floggings in Saudi Arabia this year. Two of those involved secondary school students convicted of assaulting their teacher. Amnesty says that in 1995 an Egyptian national was sentenced to 4,000

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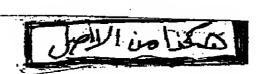
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## Christians of the Arab world flee their Biblical homeland

The Christians of the Middle East are making an unprecedented exodus from the lands in which their ancestors have lived since Christ taught here. At least two million are estimated to have left in the past five years alone, leaving only 12 million Christians in and around the lands of the Bible. And, as Robert Fisk reports from Bkerke, Lebanon, half the entire million-strong Christian population of the Arab world's most moderate state have departed in just 20 years.

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When I walked into Father Michel Awit's office in the Christian Maronite Patriarchate yesterday afternoon, two middle-aged ladies were seeking his help. Could be call a Western embassy and help them obtain a visa to leave Lebanon? they were pleading with him, "What can I do?" he asked me, raising his shoulders in despair. "I do not want them to go – but I must help

them." Every day, the Christians drift up to the great stone palace of Cardinal Nasrallah Sfeir above Beirut in appeal for assistance in leaving the land in which their forehears have lived for two millennia.

Fr Michel fully understands the tragedy. He is the historian of Lebanon's Maronites—who are affiliated to the Roman Catholic church—and knows all too well that since the start of the country's 1975-90 civil war, the nation has haemorrhaged its Christian population. "We were a little more than a million before the war but we have lost 500,000 of nur people in 22 years," he says. "The Maronites love liberty and freedom. Whoo a Christian here sees that liberty is infringed upon, he becomes angry."

Whether or oot liberties are in danger is a matter of fierce debate in Syrian-dominated Lebannn. But the disaster overwhelming the Maronite community in the country – one that Muslims suggest is of their own making – is mirrored elsewhere in the Middle East. Egypt's 6 million Christian Copts are leaving their country in tens of thousands – the community is "holding its own" by breeding as fast as its population leaves and still stands at 6 million, about 10 per cent of the population. But

Christians are increasingly a target for Islamists opposed to the government in Cairo - 25 of the 77 Egyptians murdered since February have been Christian villagers in upper Egypt - while the regime insists that even the repair of churches must receive official permission.

In Iraq, at least 50,000 Assyrian Christians left in the immediate aftermath of the 1991 Gulf War, many of them to the United States. This exodus - which still brings thousands of Christians to the Turkish and Iranian borders - was caused partly by the harshness of UN sanctions against Iraq. Church authorities in Jerusalem, where scarcely 2 per cent of the population are now Christian, lay the blame for their own plight oo the Israelis and on US government support for Israel. "The Christian fundamentalists in the US support the idea of Jerusalem as the eternal capital of Israel," a church official told me yesterday. "And the US consulate in Jerusalem is the easiest place for a Palestinian to get a visa to America. Isn't that strange? Of course, the Palestinian Christians are very grateful to receive those visas. But it reduces both the Palestinian population of the city and the Christian population at the same time.

The Rev Lewis Scudder, assistant in the general secretary of the Middle East Council of Churches in Cyprus, admits that while there are no official statistics of the Christian exodus, "we know it is happening—and it is an anxiety in the church because it is the young who are leaving. And if they go, where is the next generation of adults?"

Ironically – given the Lebanese Maronite distrust of Syria – Mr Scudder says that the only Arab nation in which the Christians are maintaining their normal presence is Syria. "It remains a secular society and they feel part of the society – the state broadcasts Christian and Easter services on television," he says.

One reason may be President Hafez Assad's ruthless suppression of the Muslim rebellion in the Syrian city of Hama in 1982, a bloodbath that Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak has so far shrunk from visiting upon his own enemics. But Fr Michel says Maronites are still leaving Syria, if not in the same oumbers as their co-religionists in Lebanon.

Mr Scudder believes that the exodus is partly caused by socio-economic improvements and mobility among the Middle East's middle-class Christians rather than

#### THE BELIEVERS

Egypt: Population about 60 milton, of whom about 10 per cent are Orristian, mostly Copts. Iraq: About 3 per cent of the 18 million population are Orristians, including Oraldean rite Catholics, Assyrians and Synan Orthodox. Israel: Population about 5 million, of whom 128,000 are Ornstian, though this includes the whole of Jerusalem.

Occupied Territories and Gazza: Population

Occupied Territories and Gazza Population about 25 milion. Ohnstians are few in Gaza, and about 3 per cent on the West Bank, mostly Greek Orthodox or Catholic.
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Lebanon: The 3 million population is about 65 per cent are Muslim and 35 per cent Christian, most of them Maronite Catholics. Synta: No official statistics. It is thought about 10 per cent of Synas 13 million are Christian, mostly of the Synan Orthodox Church.

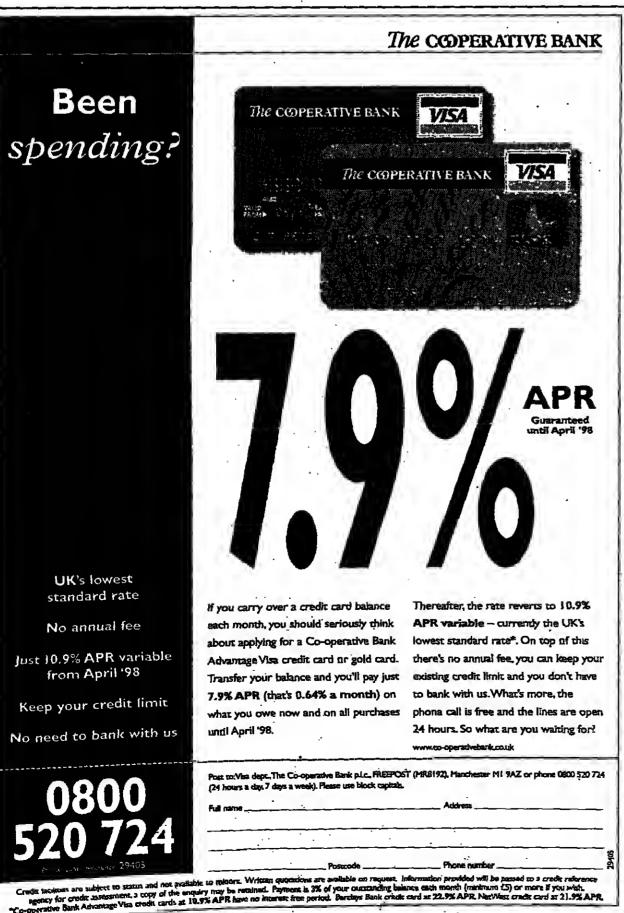
persecution - and the pro-Iranian Hizbollah leader in Lebanon, Sayed Hassan Nasrallah, is on good terms with the Maronite cardinal whom he has visited at Bkerke but Lebanese Maronites are not so sure.

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ister - under the national pact, the presi-

dent is always a Maronite – are in effect stooges of Damascus, Yet the Christians are not entirely hlameless. It was the Christian Phalange militia which started the civil war in 1975 and it was a Christian president who invited Syrian tronps to restore order a year later. It was a Christian Maronite general, Michel Aoun, who declared himself president and began a hopeless war of "independence" against Syria. When the Pope visited Lebanon in May, he urged Christians to stay because, he promised, there would be liberty in the future. A likely story, the Maronites thought.

Emir Hares Chehab, general secretary of the Lebanese Islamic-Christian national dialogue committee, takes a more historic view. "We Lebanese Christians are Arabs and we were Christians here for 700 years before Arabs became Muslims. The church of Antioch was the first church of Christ. Since Muslims came here 14 centuries ago, we have lived in coexistence with them. But things are changing. If we are now few in number, Islam is different from what it used to be. Islam oow has a character that comes from Pakistan and Indooesia and Malaysia and Africa. The Arabs are becoming a minority in Islam."

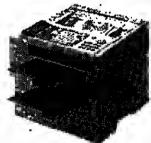




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#### Teachers' leaders alert MPs to recruitment crisis

Teachers' leaders from the state and independent sectors yesterday joined forces to impress upon the Government a growing crisis in recruitment to the profession.

As Baroness Blackstone, the higher education minister, was attempting to calm fears of a further decline with a promise of £10m designed to reduce the impact of tuition fees for traince teachers, teaching associations were insisting a whole package of measures would be needed to reverse the downward spiral.

Their summissions, presented to a sub-committee of the Commons education and employment committee, bring together for the first time since the general election evidence of the scale of the problems which ministers acknowledge must be solved if their standards crusade is to succeed.

Teachers' leaders called for changes ranging from more rigorous entry criteria for initial teacher training courses to improved salary levels. The Head Masters' and Head Mistresses' Conference, representing independent schools, proposed a high-profile advertising campaign for the profession modelled on recruitment campaigns used by the armed

According to figures from the teacher training agency, which oversees training and recruitment, significant vacancies remain on this year's courses in designated shortage subjects such as modern languages, mathematics, information technology and design and technology.

Even in primary teacher training. where recruitment is considered less of a problem, applications for initial training are down by as much as 13 per cent this year compared with last.

There were increasing concerns over the quality of newly qualified teachers, the committee heard. John Sutton, General Secretary of the Secoudary Heads' Association, said both quality and quantity have begun to decline in the past 18 mouths.

The National Primary Head Teachers' Association reported members' concerns that son ? teacher training institutions were reluctant to fail unsuitable candidates, and sometimes produced amhiguous references for trainees. University figures show that the average A-level points scored by entrants for ::ndergraduate teacher training courses are the lowest in any major subject area.

 Nick Jarman, an education consultant, is to take on the temporary management of Hackney's education service. His appointment follows a highly critical inspectors' report on the local education authority in the London borough. Mr Jarman, who has worked with a range of authorities throughout the country, will continue in the job until a permanent replacement is found.

Lucy Ward

#### Blunkett finds a way to ease university cuts

Universities will receive an extra £165m next year, David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education, announced yesterday. Judith Judd. Education Editor, explains that the money will come mainly from savings in the way loans are paid out to students.

New students will receive their loans in three instalments instead of a lump sum from next autumn, freeing up more funds for the

The package will mean pro-jected cuts of 2.7 per cent in university spending for next year will be kept to under 1 per cent, according to Baroness Blackstone, the higher education minister.

Universities have been urging the Government to let them keep tuition fees of £1,000 a year per student to be introduced from next year and amounting to around £150m in total Ministers yesterday would give no guarantee that they would in future be able to keep the income. A fundamental review of all public spending is being carried out across Whitehall. But vice-chancellors welcomed the package as a step in the right direction.



Graduation day: Who will benefit from students' tuition fees?

money would help to improve

poorer students' chances of go-

ing to college. "It ensures that

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enabling more people to benefit from higher education." The new funds include £125m to raise standards and to make

Mr Blunkett said the extra cutbacks, while at the same time a start on the backlog of building maintenance and equipment replacement, estimated by researchers at around £400m. There will be a further £4m to allow an extra 1,000 students to receive higher education through sub-degree programmes.

Part-time students and those facing particular hardship will benefit from an extra £36m. which will abolish means-testing for disabled students and introduce a £250 hardship loan.

Around one-third of students will not pay any fees because they come from families with gross incomes of less than £23,000. A further third will pay part of the fees.

Under the new arrangements, graduates will repay their loans over a longer period than at present. For those starting university next autumn the starting point for repayment will be an income of £10,000. Those earning £17,000 a year will repay £52 per month compared with up to £129 per month now.

Professor Martin Harris. chairman of the committee of vice-chancellors, pointed out that Sir Ron Dearing's report on higher education published in July said that universities faced a funding shortfall of £350m for next year. He said: "We welcome the Government's recognition that money from student contributions to tuition fees must be invested in higher education. There is still an urgent need for further investment in our universities if students are to get the

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#### Mystery lights, file under X Reports from a wide stretch of tion. No civilian or military airlaw in the Borders after a sugcraft were reported missing or

northern England and Scotland of strange glowing lights in the sky and a possible explosion left emergency services baffled yes-

Coastguards, police and the RAF began receiving calls from worried members of the public at 9am. The descriptions varied but included yellow, orange and white trails in the sky sometimes accompanied by the sound of whooshing or a loud explosion.

Sensors at the Geological Survey team in Edinburgh recorded some form of "sonic event" in the Moray Firth area. But extensive searches by RAF search and rescue helicopters, checks by coastguard and discussions with the experts at the American space agency Nasa failed to produce any explana-

overdue and the Royal Astronomical Society and Nasa could not explain the phenomena. They were not aware of any stray matter in space heading towards the Earth. Bill McFadyen, of Aberdeen

Coastguard, said the calls came from Tyne Tees up along the Scottish coast to the southern tip of the Outer Hebrides and from well inland. "It's very unusual to have something on this scale all the way up the northplete mystery to us. I get the feeling that there was a series of events. I would be surprised if it was just one large event."

A spokesman for RAF Kinloss said they had searched an area between Duns and Green-

gestion that the lights were an: aircraft, but found nothing. He added that there were similar reports from the Continent - in particular around Brussels - yesterday morning.

David Galloway, of the Geological Survey in Edinburgh, said a "sonic event" had registered on six of its seismometers at 9am. This would be caused normally by an aeroplane going supersonic or a meteorite or a satellite burning up. He suspected that the lights were a mec coming down, but which had vaporised on entering the Earth's atmosphere. He said reports of lights were probably exaggerated by atmospheric conditions which were amplifying whatever was out there.

#### Asprilla's friend guilty of possessing cocaine

An addict who bought cocaine with the help of £1,000 given to him by Faustino Asprilla, the footballer, was yesterday convicted of possessing the drug.

Leonel Sarmiento-Mottoa, 31, who befriended the Newcastle United striker after his arrival in Britain last year, was cleared at Southwark Crown Court of possessing cocaine with intent to supply.

Judge Peter Fingret remanded the defendant on bail until next Thursday for sen-

tence. But he warned Sarmiento-Mottoa that the almost inevitable outcome would be a

prison sentence. Asprilla told the court that he did not know the defendant was a cocaine addict or that he intended to spend the money he had given him on drugs.

Speaking through an interpreter, he told the jury he thought he was helping his fellow Colombian with accommodation problems after he was evicted from his home.

Sarmiento-Mottoa left court yesterday fighting back tears and said he was "too emotion-

al" to speak. Asprilla told the court how he got to know Sarmiento-Mottoa, a cleaner from north London, after his transfer to Tyneside from Parma in Italy. He told the jury: "He said to me that he had problems with his lodgings and he had to live in a hotel and he asked me for help to pay for it. I knew nothing at all about his drug taking."

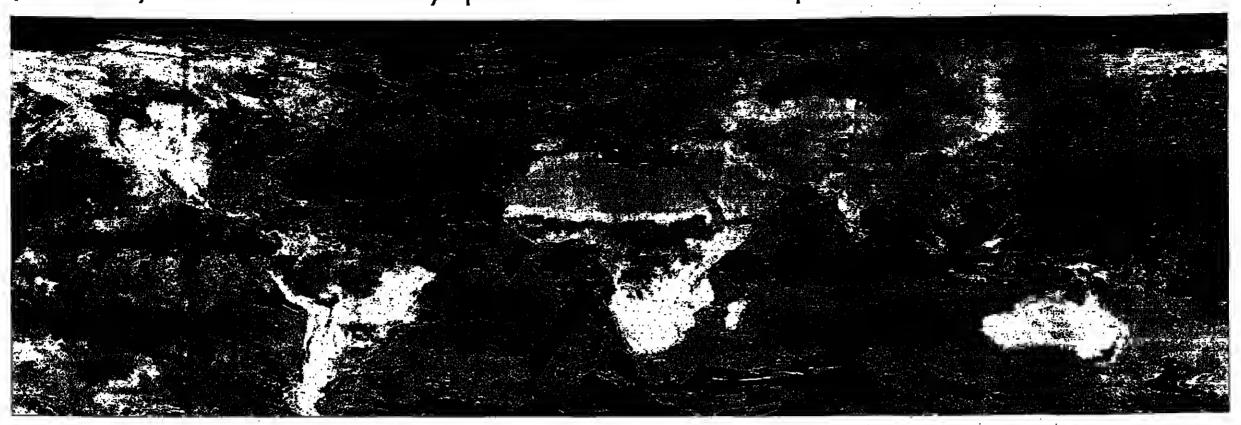


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# Space-eye view: The tiny plankton that keep the Earth alive



just another satellite image? No this picture, taken last weekend, shows in minute detail the density of vegetation on land and in the oceans. Charles Arthur, Science Editor, explains how the blue patches, areas of plankton, stop our atmosphere becoming a sauna.

British and American scientists got their first views yesterday of new satellite data that will provide a vital insight into interactions between the atmosphere and the oceans, which cover the majority of the Earth's

They hope it can help answer two essential questions troubling atmospheric scientists: how do the oceans and continents "breathe"? And, how important are the

oceans in regulating global warming caused by the build-up of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere?

The SeaStar satellite, launched by the US space agency Nasa on 1 August, uses state-of-the-art instruments to map the amount and colour of light reflected from the world's oceans.

Though the sea may look much the same colour from the ground, from space its

colour is largely determined by the amount of microscopic plant life - called phytoplankton - living close to the surface. Sea-Star's instruments, can detect subtle variations in sea colour and interpret them in terms of density of plankton.

The study of plankton, a favourite food of fish and marine mammals such as whales, may seem esoteric. But the spread of this tiny organism, and of chlorophyll con-

tained in them, has a direct and crucial effect on global warming. As plankton proliferates, it takes up carbon dioxide from the sea and converts it into carbohydrates. The sea then makes up the imbalance by absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmos-

This simple system absorbs 5,000 billion tonnes (5 gigatonnes) of carbon from the atmosphere every year, and some of the car-

bon taken up by the plankton becomes fixed into deep-sea sediments and eventually rocks such as limestone. In this way, plankton are crucial to the regulation of global temperature.

SeaStar's data will be assessed at sites such as the Southampton Oceanography Centre and Plymouth Laboratory in sce what they reveal about global vegetation patterns, both on land and in the occans.

# France revels in its cosmic power

The 100th Arione rocket, jewel in the crown of the European space programme, will lift off from Guyana today. Once scorned, the French-led project is now the most commercially succesful space programme in the world. Where does France - the second great power in the cosmos – (boldly) go from here? To Mars maybe, as John Lichfield reports.

The Russians on longer count. The Japanese and Chinese are nnt yet significant players. As the millennium ends, there are only two real powers in space. The first is hampered by statist considerations, romantic obsessions, special interest lobbics and political in-fighting. The nther is commercially successful, oriented to the market, technically innovative and, under its new government, determined to be more of all

The first country is the United States; the second is France. The traditional earthly roles of the two countries are reversed, it seems, nuce you leave the atmosphere.

The 100th Ariane launch today is a political milestone. The Arinne programme -French-led, French based and 30 per cent French-funded now halds 60 per cent of the world market in commercial satellite launches. Ariane makes a profit (although the wider French and European space programmes are a different story).

Technologically, there is an even more significant date for France and Europe next month with the second attempt in launch one of the new generation of Ariane V rockets. The first launch last June was a costly débâcle. If the new, much larger, technically advanced type of Ariane goes up suc-cessfully in mid-October. Europe will be set to dominate the commercial satellite-hnisting business into the next century.

Despite the Maastrichtenforced squeeze on public spending, the new Socialist-led government in France is deeply committed in its £1.2bn a year space programme (less than one-tenth the size of America's but three time as big as Russia's). The Minister for Education and Technology, Claude Allègre, is a geo-scientist of international renown. He believes it is time for France in Ariane: More cost-effective assert its relative cosmic strength, within Europe and

the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa). France wants radical changes in the European Space Agency (ESA), in which Britain plays a relatively small role (6.7 per cent of the budget, com-

pared to 31 per cent for France and 25 per cent for Germany). Essentially, he wants most ESA projects delegated to groups of nations, like the successful Arawkward for aerospace comcountries like Britain. Mr Allègre has also alarmed

Washington by suggesting he

than the Shuttle project

might ahandon, or reduce, France's commitment to the grandiose scheme to build a permanent international orbiting space station. He believes the last, centre-right, French government made a mistake in allowing itself to be "tethered" to an American-led international space policy in this way.

In his opinion, manned space flight is not the last huiane programme. This might be man frontier; it is a costly culde-sac. It is precisely because self to affordable, commercially useful, albeit nld-fashioned, rocket launches that Ariane has been such a success. The Space Shuttle - even without the Challenger disaster - has proved an enormously costly exercise. Driven by military and industrial Inhhies, it has produced few commercial, scientific nr technological benefits.

"With the incidents on Mir. a lnt of people have actually started to ask 'what exactly are they doing up there?'," Mr Allègre said in an interview with L'Express last week. "We are paying a lot of money to watch astronauts climb from one capsule to another."

(None the less, France's most experienced astronaut, General Jean-Loup Chrétien. 59, will go up with the Space Shuttle Atlantis tomorrow, in the latest mission to repair Mir).

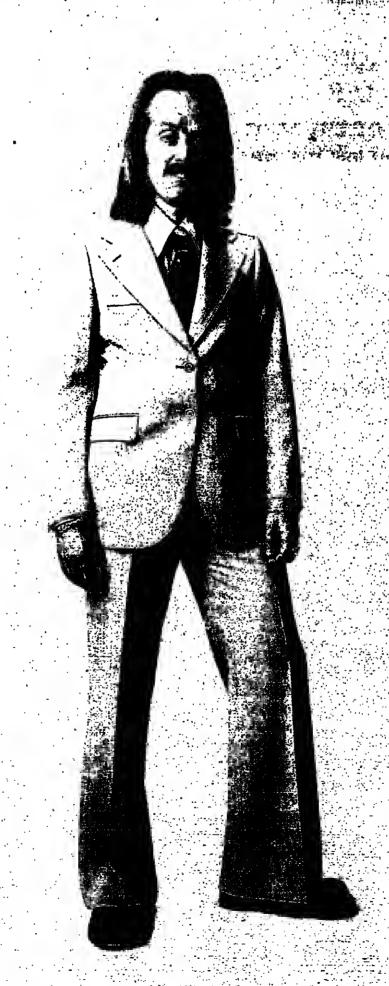
Reading between the lines of Mr Allègre's interview - and comments by the new head of the French space centre, Gérard Brachet - France will not sever its links with the planned new international space station. It will take part in the station's construction but is refusing to commit itself to the manned space activities which will follow.

France will instead use its bargaining position with the US to seek a large role in the kind of unmanned, remntelycontrolled space exploration which Mr Allègre believes will prove commercially and scientifically useful in developing the technologies of the future. In particular, France wants a share of the Martian action - for Europe, and especially for itself.

"It is unthinkable that we should be left out. That's the stuff of people's dreams," said Mr Allègre. "We aren't just going to sit back and watch the exploration of Mars."

All depends on the success of Ariane V, which is supposed to be capable of lifting complex vehicles into space - cheaply. If so, France hopes to persuade the US to send up new generations of American-European Martian probes from Guyana, not Florida. This may be asking a lot; but the days are gone when Americans laughed at French pretensions in space.

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# Dirty drivers face spot fines of £60

Next year, motorists with filthy exhausts will face fixed-penalty fines of £60 in seven cities. But Nicholas Schoon, Environment Correspondent, says only a nationwide crackdown would be

One-tenth of vehicles cause half of all the air pollution from traffic, it has been estimated. And traffic fumes are the main reason why air-quality stan-

really effective.

dards are regularly breached. That is why government has loog been promising to crack down on the filthy minority of older, badly maintained vehicles producing exhaust fumes which fail to meet the legal standard.

Yesterday, ministers aonounced that from early next year seven local councils would be allowed to stop vehicles and issue fixed-penalty fines for those that failed emission tests. Accompanied by a police officer. trained smog-busting officials will carry out roadside

The councils will not have to go to the expense of taking of-

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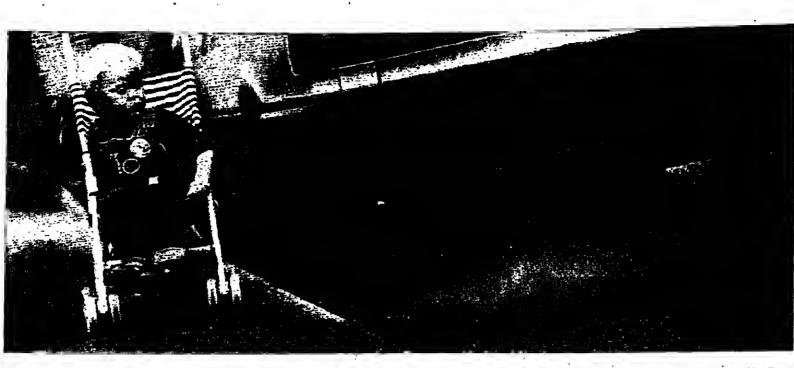
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feeders to court - unless they refuse to pay. And the money raised from fines will go towards the cost of the stuff and testing equipment oeeded to ruo the schemes. Even having an engine

narked will become an instantly punishable offeoce. If a driver of any car, however clean its exhaust, refuses to turn off an engine wheo reasonably asked to

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running unnecessarily while do so, he or she will be ordered to pay £20.

The scheme will by run for a year by the city councils of Birmingham, Glasgow, Bristol, Swansea, Middlesbrough,

Canterbury and Westminster in London, who have all volunteered for a pilot project. If it is a success, all councils will be encouraged to join.

The £60 fine for a dirty ex-

haust - rising to £90 if still unsoot in their fumes, while petrol

tests will be the same as those carried out during the annual

paid after a month - compares with a minimum speeding fine of £40: Diesel vehicles will be checked for the amount of engines will be tested for coocentrations of key pollutants such as carbon monoxide. The

MoT road-worthiness check. The Government insists that only uniformed police officers can actually stop vehicles for the checks, but police forces complain that they are too overA child getting a lungful of fumes in a city street. The Government aims to clean up the air we breathe with its pilot scheme of on-thespot fines for drivers who flout the regulations for vehicle emissions, or who sit puffing out exhaust while parked

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responsibilities. However, the Department of the Environmeot and Transport said that some of the money raised by the fines could be used to finance the police presence.

Tu date, most roadside checks on exhausts have been carried out by the Governmeot's own vehicle inspectorate. The failure rate for cars is one in twenty; that for buses, beavy lorries and vans was lower but taxis were considerably dirtier - nearly uoe in ten

did not meet the legal standard. Until now, the chances of any driver being stopped for an emissions check have been extremely low. The schemes will be judged a success if they boost the oumber of checks and out the number of failures in their localities. But it seems likely that only once checks are applied in towns and cities nationwide will the problem of the dirty minority be tackled and stretched to take on new traffic gains in air quality won.

# New law redefines treasure trove

The oew Treasure Act comes into force today replacing commoo-law precedeots and practices dating back to the time of

recorded.

The Act sets out a new de-

market value. Io ooe of Britain's most lucrative finds, the Hoxne Hoard, discovered in Suffolk in 1992, a value of £1.75m was agreed. The 15,000 Roman coins and jewellery went to the British Museum.

The Act does away with the absurdity that ao object could only be declared treasure trove - technically the property of the monarch - if it had been deliberately buried with the iotection of recovery. This set a coroner's jury the tricky task of · divining whether someone in the Middle Ages was trying to

evade taxes or simply careless. Mark Fisher, the arts minister, said the Act would ensure more items were properly recorded. Metal detector users have felt victimised by the legislation, but he said that "far from curtailing their activities", the Act would remove

Richard the Liooheart. Metal detector users are

the main target. The country's 30,000 "detectorists" find most of the hundreds of thousands of ancient artefacts uncarthed each year. But archaeologists worry that the portable past has oot been properly protected or

finitioo of "treasure" - notably objects at least 300 years old containing a substantial amount of gold or silver, and hoards of coins. All finds must be reported within 14 days. Anyone failing to report a discovery risks a £5,000 fine, three mooths in jail or both.

When a museum wishes to acquire an item declared treasure by a coroner, the finder will be paid a reward based on

confusion. - Stephen Goodwin

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# Aitken begins new chapter by turning to fiction

Jonathan Aitken, the disgraced former Cabinet minister once tipped for Downing Street, has turned his hand to writing a novel. Kim Sengupta looks at the life of the former Tory golden boy since his fall.

It has been three-and-half months since Jonathan Aitken's humiliating High Court defeat and the public opprobrium which followed. Now back from his self-imposed exile in the United States, he is writing a novel. The plot is meant to be a closely guarded secret, but some friends claim it is about a public figure brought down by the envy and cynicism of lesser men. They also say the prose is angry and fast and it is bound to be a bestseller.

Mr Aitken may have stopped trying to wield the "sword of truth" and picked up the pen, but there is a cloud over his road to rehabilitation as successful author - the little matter of the Scotland Yard inquity into claims that he perjured himself during his libel case against The Guardian and Granada TV's World in Action,

The Independent has been told that a preliminary report has already been sent by the police to the Director of Public Prosecutions, Detectives have been gathering evidence in Britain and abroad, and although Mr Aitken has not been interviewed under caution yet, he soon will be.

Sources close to the investigation point out that alleged perjury arising from civil litigation is a complex prosecution, and they say they want to cover all the documentation, and speak to necessary parties, before tackling Mr Aitken. A full report would then be sent to the Crown Prosecution Service.

There is also the question of the massive legal hills from his court case. He has paid his own bill of around £800,000 but he is yet to pay the defendants' costs. He is believed to have told The Guardian he would make an offer in January.

The first chapters of his ook are being typed up by his secretary, Lin, at the office adjacent to his home in Lord North Street, Westminster. The former Chief Secretary to the Treasury is dividing his time between London and the family home in Sandwich, Kent, which is owned by a Panamanian registered company.

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#### POLITICIANS' BOOKSHELF

Lord Archer, former deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, reigns supreme. His thrillers, including 'Kane and Abel' and 'Not A Penny More, Not A Penny Less', have sold more than 30 million copies world-wide. But Edwina Currie is catching up. Her Commons whodunnits, with raunchy characters and racy plots, sold in their millions. For her latest, 'She's Leaving Home', she received an advance of £300,000.

Michael Dobbs, (right) author of 'House of Cards', was just a moderately successful writer when television producers became interested in his political saga of naked ambition and greed. The TV serialisation of 'House of Cards' more than doubled his earning potential.

Douglas Hurd, the former Foreign Secretary, wrote several successful thrillers in the mid-Seventies before his political career took over, and happily returned to writing after his resignation. In 1994 Timothy Renton, the former Tory Chief Whip during Thatcher's reign, published his debut novel, 'The Dangerous Edge'; a potent mixture of Westminster power struggles and the kidnapping of two British aid workers in Beirut.

He apparently got most of secrecy on the plot. But If Jonathan was indeed writing his inspiration while walking alone in Scotland. He goes something loosely based on there every August for the the fall of a public figure then grouse season. He does not it would be the ideal format to shoot, but walks the glens. put the record straight. "He is of course an experi-

Mr Aitken is an established author. His last book was a well enced writer, and I am told this is very good stuff. It's straight reviewed hiography of Richard Nixon. It was published by from the heart, and quite racy. Weidenfeld, hut they are not After all, he has had quite a handling the latest book, and it colourful personal life." This is not known whether the manuscript has been placed with a publishing house yet.

According to friends, in the aftermath of his libel defeat, Mr Aitken wanted to write a factual book giving his version of the case. However, it was pointed out that by writing about it he risks the danger of entering into another libel action, this time as the defendant, A work of fiction was seen as the less risky option. Following the collapse of the

case, Mr Aitken's friends put forward a possible defence for his actions and in particular, the stay at Mohamed Al Fayed's Paris Ritz hotel where his version of events was discredited in court. Part of the defence was that

the then arms procurement minister, who has had links with MI6 in the past, was on secret government business which he could not talk about in court. It was also claimed he could have been let down by his wife Lolicia over the payment of the hotel bill, which was proved to have been picked up by a Sau-

Would all this be in the book? A friend of Mr Aitken said: "Look, I am sworn to

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"colourful life" has included affairs with Antonia Fraser, Soraya Khashoggi, and Carol Thatcher, as well as a liaison with a prostitute.

After his High Court defeat, Mr Aitken wrote to Major John Thomas, the chairman of his constituency party in Thanet South, Kent, to apologise to party members. The two men have kept in touch since.

Major Thomas said yesterday. "I know that Jonathan has been writing away. I am sure the book will be very good. We still have not selected a candidate at Thanet South, and although there is a lot of sympathy for Jonathan it is doubtful if it would be him this time around.

"Writing the book is a way back towards normal life for him. Whether he returns to public life or not would depend very much on what happens with the perjury case. If he stands trial and is acquitted then that's fine. If he is found guilty.

One person apparently not taking any interest in Mr Aitken's writing is his wife. The couple are said to have led separate lives for a long time but after the court case Lolicia said she was going to stand by him. But now, it is reported, she is living in Paris. There are, however, said to be no immediate plans for a divorce.



Jonathan Aitken: His novel is said to be about a public figure brought down by lesser men

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# 12/WORLD NEWS

#### Yeltsin sees wider role for the state

President Boris Yeltsin is likely to announce an increased role for the state in Russia's economy when he addresses the upper chamber of parliament today.

A Kremlin source said Mr Yeltsin was likely to say the state intended to take some of the most vital areas under its control. The source said the president's speech would stress that the free market had been instrumental in breaking away from the Soviet centrally planned economy hut that the time had come to introduce new rules.

#### Peace troops demo

Angry Bosnian Serbs threw Molotov cocktails at Nato-led peacekeeping troops and set a hus on fire outside the north Bosnian town of Doboj yesterday, hours after hardliners lost another town in the area. Police loyal to Bosnian Serb president Biljaoa Playsic yesterday took control of a police station at Prijedor which was controlled by hardline nationalists during the Bosnian war. The crowd in Doboj were demanding the removal of a checkpoint set up by the Nato-led Stabilisation Force north

#### Circumcision plea

A US doctor called yesterday for universal circumcision in Europe, saying the health. beoefits outweighed any of the complications. Dr Edgar Schoen, of the Kaiser Foundatioo Research Institute in Oakland, California, said circumcision offered increased protection against urinary tract infections, cancer of the penis, and sexually . transmitted diseases such as Aids. Reuters

# Will there be life after Arafat?

When Yasser Arafat fainted at the Arab League conference in Cairo last weekend he triggered fresh speculation among

Palestinlans and Israelis about who would replace him if he died. The

answer, it became clear. was that he has no clear successor. Patrick Cockburn examines the Palestinian leader's remarkable hold over his people.

His aides say robustly that "he is as strong as a horse", but since Yasser Arafat injured his head wheo his plane crashed in a sandstorm in Libya in 1992 he has suffered from hlack-outs. In recent weeks, as the stalemate in negotiations with Israel continues, he has looked increasingly haggard and depressed.

If Mr Arafat does die, he has oo obvious successor as either Palestinian leader or national symbol. Even at the nadir of his fortunes, after his expulsioo from Beirut by Israel in 1982, attempts to replace him have never looked like succeeding.

The only two Palestinian leaders who approached him in

prestige have both been assas-sinated in the last 10 years. Khalil Wazir (Abu Jihad) was killed by an Israeli team in Tonis in 1988. Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad) was killed three years later by one of his own body goards working for Abu Nidal, the Palestinian guerrilla leader.

Constitutionally Mr Arafat should be replaced - though he himself apparently disputes this - by Ahmed Qureia (Abu Ala'a) the speaker of the Palestinian parliament. There would theo be a presidential election. A candidate favoured by the US and Israel is Abu Mazen, the oegotiator of the Oslo accords. but oeither he nor Abu Ala'a are popular figures.

Mr Arafat would also be difficult to replace because he is the only member of the leadership in exile in Tunis, which returned to Gaza in 1994, who was acceptable to the 2.5 million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza.

The same division between "outsiders" and "insiders" also prohably disqualifies Faisal Husseini and Hanan Ashrawi, both of whom are popular. The most likely development, in the short term, would be a collective leadership of politicians and security men, with oeither predominating.

It is oot easy to run a resis-



Great survivor: Yasser Arafat's rivals as leader of the Palestinians have either been inated or out-manoeuvred Photograph: Brian Harris

tance movement in the Middle East. The main Iranian opposition to the Iranian regime, for example, has ended up as a catspaw of Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi leader. In contrast the Palestinian leader has avoided

becoming anybody's pawn. Though dictatorial, he is not bloodthirsty, never eliminating his Palestinian opponents. Mr Arafat's career has been studded with defeats, but he has usually played with a weaker

hand than his opponents. His ability to recuperate stems from his refusal to go against the stream of Palestinian opinion, whatever the urgings of Washington and the rest of the

#### Smoke-pall danger over Sarawak

Smoke haze over the state of Sarawak, Borneo, hit record danger levels as firefighters raced to control the forest fires in oeighbouring Indonesia which are responsible for the smog.

The national Bernama news agency said that 2,000 fire-fighters from Malaysia, including medical and communication experts, were leaving for Indonesia in stages to help put out the fires. Mohamad Rah-mat, the Information Minister, said that evacuation of the 2 million people who live in Sarawak would be a last resort. Reuters

#### Hitler's wage slaves

A Bonn court is to decide today whether 21 elderly Jewish womeo should be paid for working as part of Adolf Hitler's vast army of Second World War slaves.

The ruling could open the gates to a flood of claims by some of the 12 million slaves that Hitler's armaments minister, Albert Speer, put to work across Nazi-occu-

pied Europe, lawyers said.

About 1.5 million former slave labourers under the Nazi regime still live in eastem Europe.

#### Greeks turn turtle

Restaurants specialising in turtle soup may have do do without their maio ingredient after Greek forestry officials freed 423 restaurant-bound tortoises near the northem city of Salonica.

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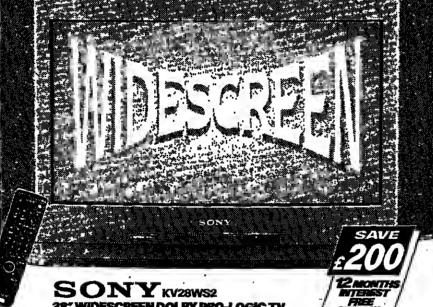
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#### Bankers tremble as Li takes a leaf out of Mao's red book

Just when everyone thought that China had signed up to the new market-oriented world order, premier Li Peng has shown that the old Maoist values are not dead. Stephen Vines in Hong Kong observed him berating the luminaries of the IMF and World Bank about the evils of imperialism and the bullying of the weak by the wealthy.

In his keynote address Mr Li spoke of how developing countries had 'freed themselves from imperialist and colonialist domination and woo natiocal liberation acd independence after centuries of foreign oppression and enslavement':

His words sent a tremor down the spines of the assembled central bankers and finance officials who, the previous day, had given a rousing reception to Zhu Rongii, Mr Li's heir-apparent, as he weaved his way through the vocabulary they are more accustomed to hearing. The door but sharp Mr Zhu reeled off moncy supply and debt ratio figures, ly gave the impression that China was happily heading down the capitalist road.

Mr Li, by cootrast, was merely dour. Delivering his speech in exactly the same way he addressed the just completed 15th congress of the Communist Party in Peking, he warned the big powers that in no circumstances should any country be allowed to impose its social system and ideology

Recycling the rhetoric of the

supposedly faded Maoist era Mr Li said that developing countries had 'smashed the monopoly of world affairs by a few countries and lent a powerful push behind the movement towards a multipolar

China, the world's biggest recipient of development aid, does not, in Mr Li's eyes, see itself-as a supplicant. "Ecospoke enthusiastically about nomic assistance must not be attached with any no ditions," he sternly warned would-be dooors. "Such practices as bullying the weaker or less fortunate by dint of one's power or wealth should not go unchecked."

In what sounded to many like a reference to China's perennial struggle with the United States to obtain Most Favoured Natioo (MFN) trading status, he said countries could not "be allowed to impose sanctions, or threaten to do so at every turn".

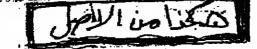








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# Blacks chip away at monuments to Afrikaner power



Monuments come and monuments go as the new South Africa struggles to forge a common cultural identity. Three years after the ANC came to power not everyone wants to party on the National Heritage annual holiday. Mary Braid finds out why.

The towering bronze statue of the late Steve Biko did not remain unscathed for long. Just hours after it was unveiled by President Nelson Mandela, the signature of the AWB, the right-wing Afrikaner paramilitary organisation, was spray painted at the feet of the lib-

The timing made it a particularly vicious act. For as

Biko's image was being de-faced the Truth and Reconciliation Commission was hearing the testimony of five security policemen who have confessed to causing his death 20 years ago. Now its threats that blood would flow before Afrikaners relinquished power have come to nothing, the extreme right seems to have turned towards more petty forms of resistance.

Mr Biko's memorial, unveiled earlier this month, is part of what Themba Wakashe, an arts ministry director, describes as the levelling of South Africa's lopsided heritage; a cultural terrain, which after four decades of Afrikaner nationalism, is still carpeted with monuments and memorials to "Volk" heroes and dead National Party presidents.

There was a time when you drove through this country and looked at what was preserved and you would never have

guessed you were in an African country." says Mr Wakashe, who is at the forefront of the campaign to redefine South African culture. It is a delicate business because the resentment of the deposed, as the rare act of vandalism shows, sim-

mers just beneath the surface. As Biko went up this month, John Vorster, the late former National Party leader, came down. On Mooday, his bust, overshadowing the entrance to the optorious Johannesburg police station which took his name, was removed to a police museum in Pretoria to claps and sarcastic shnuts of "go well" from a crowd.

Today, to mark National Heritage Day, the John Vorster tower block, from which a succession of black activists "fell", will be renamed Johannesburg

But such removals have been few. The ANC is deliberately tip-

toeing through the cultural minefield. In the interests of recenciliation the President has opposed wholesale toppling of the symbols of the past.

In the early days, some blacks wanted to storm Pretoria's austere Voortrekker Monument, erected as testament to the Afrikaners' conviction that they were God's chosen people. Today, many blacks still believe there has been too much pussyfooting around. This week the grandson of Enoch Sontonga, composer of the liberation anthem "Nkosi Sikelel iAfrica", said it was time for the music to stand alone as the National Anthem and that the Afrikaans' "Die Stem", which was tagged on for the sake of

unity, be dropped. But, so far, that has not been the ANC way. In parliament, portraits of the old NP leaders have been removed from the

though there have been provincial skirmishes over the removal of busts of Hendrik Verwoerd, apartheid's architect, most Afrikaner symbols have been left alone. Most remarkable perhaps, there has been no mass manufacture of Mandela statues and attempt to make a

cult of his personality. Instead the government is simply adding to a past it may detest but accepts; resurrecting black writers like Sol Plaatje and honouring black heroes.

Today, President Mandela opens Robben Island as a national monument, and the island on which he was imprisoned for much of his 27-year incarceration will take its place alongside the Voortrekker.

But the right wing and Afrikaner cultural organisations which have mushroomed since 1994 seem unmoved by the softly softly approach. They main foyer but they have been

rehung in siderooms. And al- argue that while their symbols survive they are under constant threat and that their culture is wilting as schools and universities are forced to forsake Afrikaans for English. Yesterday the National Party said it still supported Heritage Day, the holiday introduced after the country's first democratic elections. But their support is hardly wholehearted. And while they condemn Biko's defacers, the Freedom Front and Conservative parties, further to the Afrikaner right, can see nothing to celebrate.

They admit that President Mandela has offered their culture some protection, but insist the pressure will increase once the "Great Reconciler" goes. "You don't throw a frog in boiling water," says Freedom Front MP Dr Pieter Mulder. "He would jump right out again. You put him in cold and slowly turn the temperature up."

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# 14/LIB DEM CONFERENCE

#### Ludicrous examples of Labour secrecy: an MP's challenge

New government, same old secrecy: details of surgeons' charges in the 1920s, a hazardous road bridge and even an 18thcentury map are among the documents still kept from public view. Fran Abrams, Political Correspondent, recounts a Liberal Democrat MP's fight for

There are limits to the Govemment's commitment in freedom of information, it seems. Even after promises of a new law to bring greater openness, some documents are still so sensitive they must remain secret

open government.

many years on. "Taxi drivers carrying fares without depressing flags, 1935-1952," "Dangerous driving conditions at hump-backed bridge on Beckenham Road London, 1935-1951," "Police fees for sur-

> Plans for promotion of women rejected

Plans for positive discrimination to put more women on Liberal Democrat short-

lists for Westminster seats were rejected yesterday, despite the support of the party

Representatives also voted against sim-

ilar proposals to put more women on in-

ternal committees but agreed that shortlists

for European Parliament elections in 1999

would have 50 per cent women on them.

suring that all parliamentary short-lists were

at least 50 per cent female, provoked a

fierce debate. The conference appeared to

be evenly divided but the plans needed a

two-thirds majority in order to he passed.

ley, said the moves would put discrimina-

tion into Liberal Democrat rules. "I was

identical changes in the Labour Party

Baroness Williams of Crosby, support-

ing the measures, said people would not

vote for the Liberal Democrats if they

thought they were not "playing fair between

it would be telling them that the Liberal

Democrats were not prepared to move on

an issue which was crucial to our times."

"If the conference rejected the measures

unfortunate enough to emeric

four years ago ... It was a disaster."

men and women."

Richard Burt, a councillor from Dud-

The rejected proposals, which meant en-

leader, Paddy Ashdown.

geons 1926-1953." The release of these documents could lead to distress and even danger for police surgeons, taxi drivers and their descendants, the Cabinet Office minister Peter Kilfoyle has decided.

Mr Kilfoyle promised to look into the issue after Norman Baker, Liberal Democrat MP for Lewes, raised it in a Commons debate. But after investigations he has told the MP they cannot be released.

"All these files remain closed by Lord Chancellor's Instrument as they contain information which could cause substantial distress (or endaneerment from a third party) to the persons affected by their disclosure or their descendants," he has said in a letter

The MP is not impressed. Who were these taxi drivers carrying?" he asks. "M15 agents? Even if they were, why not just block out their names?"

Mr Kilfoyle has confirmed that the files remain closed not for reasons of national security



Closed ranks: Files on taxis carrying fares 'without depressing flags', 1935-52, remain classified Photograph: Hulton Getty

but of "personal sensitivity". Mr Baker says there is a serious lesson to be learnt from this exchange with the minister. "Here is the first test of this government's commitment to freedom of information. It is on something innocuous and yet

they are blocking it," he says.

Mr Baker intends to appeal

to the Lord Chancellor's committee responsible for reviewing closed documents to see if he can get the decision reversed. The MP will also raise the

issue again when he lodges a Private Member's Bill on freedom of information next January. He wants the number of years for which documents are

closed reduced from 30 years closed document held by the to 20 but adds that the Gov-Department of Environment is ernment must also tackle a culture of secrecy which still pervades Whitehall.

Yesterday, the Lord Chancellor's department would only refer The Independent to the individual departments holding the documents. The oldest

a map of the River Dee from A Home Office spokeswoman said the files might be

less innocuous than they appeared. For example, the police surgeons' papers might contain

# Maclennan's proud boast: 'Free to think dangerously'

The Liberal Democrats yesterday stepped up their attacks on Labour, with the party's president offering Tony Blair 'wardrobes' full of policies. Anthony Bevins, Political Editor, reports.

Robert Maclennan, the Liberal Democrats' president, won a rank and file representatives a Labour government devoid of

substance and ideas. With sections of the party exceedingly concerned that Paddy Ashdown is allowing the Liberal Democrats to be swallowed up by Labour, the leadership spent the day trying to mark out the independence of their territory.

They were helped by the intervention of Peter Mandelson,

minister without portfolio, who used a newspaper article to warn Mr Ashdown that he was playing a dangerous game if he was serious about working with Labour while making "invalid criticisms" of government spending policy.

Mr Ashdown, who addresses the conference today told The Independent that he was Mandelson intervention, saying: "I am delighted that people are about. There seem to be some in the Labour Party who still believe that constructive opposition is compliant opposition. It isn't, and it isn't going to be."

The independent spirit of the Liberal Democrat tradition was superbly carved out by Mr Msclennan, who told the conference that the party of ideas and abundant policy could help fill the Labour vacuum. If Labour wanted to steal the clothes of Liberal Democrat policy, he said, "we have wardrobes of clothes".

Mr Maciennan said Labour had won the election without much of a policy but with a ragueness sold with brilliance. "Labour offered a sort of bravura vacuum - everything was 'new', 'exciting', 'challenging', "seriously relaxed" about the modern'. Four adjectives in search of a noun. Four attitudes looking for substance." But he rare cheer of approval from beginning to understand, some warned that a complex world more perfectly than others, . would not be met by saying those - English nationalist party is perhad to be the equivalent of Beveridge reports.

> The swan gliding over the water is lovely, but somebody has to do the feet. We are the party of the pamphlet, the working party, the report, the debate on the report.

"If you prick us we bleed ink ink and ideas. Lots of us write. Many of us can read. We can also think because we are free to be outrageous. Not being part of government, we can think dangerously."

Mr Maclennan said the Liberal Democrats should become a powerhouse of political ideas. However, he did not confine his criticism to Labour. He said that perhaps the Tory party was over. "The idea that the Conservatives might never govern again is seriously argued," he said. "The possibility that

they might decline into an ideologically pure, burning bright Last night, Malcolm Bruce, the party's Treasury spokesman, reluctantly accepted part of the Government's own conclusion on the timetable for the single currency. Having previously preferred a 1999, first-

wave entry for sterling. Mr

Bruce told a Confederation of

British Industry fringe meeting.

in Eastbourne that that now

BY DAVID **AARONOVITCH** 

It's unwise to push

Pinocchio too far

The small, craggy-featured man in the immaculate white shirt who sat down next to me at breakfast yesterday was ominously newspaperless - and thus in search of a conversa-

tion. He found it with the melancholic young man on the

other side of the table. Time was, he told the young man in

the accents of Lancashire, when the Liberal Democrats would

only have held their conferences in Brighton or Blackpool.

But as his party became more successful (he continued, un-

interrupted), so it varied its venues. It now travelled to Har-

rogate. Bournemouth - to any place in fact where the Liberals

now had representatives. Each in his view (the mournful youth

was gazing out of the window) had its own particular

strengths and weaknesses, which he happily enumerated in

Such, then, is the mood in Eastbourne, occasioned by the

Lib Dems best election results since Magna Carta. With 46

MPs, they are chippy, confident, they even swagger a little. As a party, they remind one of a nice, ordinary-looking, slight-

ly nerdy male student (computer studies and politics) who

has just scored after the rag ball. No matter that the girl was

drunk at the time, or on the rebound after a bad relation-

ship with a Hooray Henry, he now feels himself to be in a

And no one is the target of more such advice than that electoral Romeo, Tony Blair. Whenever he is spoken about

in public here, it is in pitying or patronising tones. He has - they all agree - no guiding ideology, no strategy, no roots,

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position to advise others on the arts of love.

no great principles, but rather dashes from decision to decision with manic good intention.

This is the image of Blair as a political Pinocchio, a bouncing marionette with a painted smile, full of enthusiasm but seduced by any passing, glittering diversion. If ever Blair is to become - in Lib Dem terms - a real boy, then he will need to be guarded by an external conscience, admonished should he set off arm in arm with the wicked fox of power and the weedling cat of opportunism.

Few qualify better for the role of Jiminy Cricket, sent by Providence to guide the pupper's steps, than the softspoken Robert Macleman, the Liberal Democrat president. Lacking only an old top hat and a furled umhrella, Jiminy Maclennan hopped up to the rostrum and warned Pinocchio of the dangers of inconstancy and lack of attention to detail. "The swan gliding over the water looks lovely," he chirruped sagely, "but someone has to do the feet". How amusing. How true.

It was a beautiful speech which elegantly reminded his listeners in the hall that they were hugely superior in wisdom and morality to everyone else on the planet, and that their one possible fault was excessive modesty. Everything about New Labour had first be mocrat, the only problem being that Labour could never catch up, because, being very radical, the Lib Dems were always

But what happens, I wonder, if Pinocchio gets a bit fed up with all this Polonian counsel, and tells Jiminy Cricket to take a running jump? Or, to put it another way, does not the role of effective conscience demand a certain circumspection, a level of friendly discretion?

That is not their way, alas. Back at the hreakfast table, Mr Craggy was still going strong. "Eventually I'd like to see us go to Aberdeen," he was telling his over-polite, despairing young neighbour as I got up to go. Sometimes, so would I.

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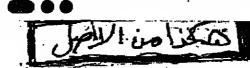
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# Hague seeks clear mandate for Tory party shake-up

William Hague, his sights on victory in the Tory leadership ballot, yesterday outlined his plans for party reform, and sharing a bedroom with his fiancée at the party conference. Colin Brown, Chief Politicol Correspondent, says he could be making a rod for his own back.

William Hague said yesterday who are demanding a say in that he needed "a lot more than a narrow victory" to secure a mandate for his leadership and reform of the Conservative

His remarks on BBC radio show confidence that he will win a majority, but could leave him open to attack if it is less than a convinciog result after coming under withering fire from

Mr Hague is facing a rebellion by grassroots members

leadership elections, and criticism from Tory graodees including Alan Clark, who fear he is taking too much power away

Mr Hague brushed aside objections raised by Baroness Thatcher and the Tory old guard who have raised eyebrows about his sharing a bedroom with his fiancée, Ffion Jenkins, at the party conference in Blackpool, before they are married. Pressed to say whether

invited the Radio Five Live interviewer, Sybil Roskoe, into his bedroom. "Come and have a look if you like," he said. When it was suggested that that his offer would be taken up by newspapers, he said: "It was a

personal invitation." The Tory leader has encountered almost daily attacks on his tour of the country to build up support for his leadership and planned reforms to the party. Yesterday he sampled

telling local Asian businessmen about his reforms. Today. he will be in Salisbury.

But it emerged vesterday he could have speot the time enjoying a drink and a doze in the sunshine with John Major and the former Hong Kong governor, Chris Patten, at the home of ex-Tory MP Tristan Garel-

Jones in Spain. He was invited to join the former prime minister on a holiday in Spain hut nurned him

it was a double bed, Mr Hague a curry in Birmingham before down because he was too husy campaigning for a "yes" voic in the membership ballot.

There were suspicions at Westminster, as reported in The Independent on Samrday, that the trio of old pals may have been plotting Mr Hague's downfall in the olive groves of Candeleda, a village west of the Spanish capital, Madrid,

Friends of Mr Major, who say the new Tory leader and his predecessor are "quite close". say Mr Hague was invited to join in the holiday fun, hut turned the offer down.

The former prime minister "fully behind" Mr Hague. they say, and reject the idea of any secret plot to undermine the Tory leader. "He regards the idea that this is some sort of cahal as daft. This is a loog planned holiday which Mr Hague was iovited to join, hut couldn't because he had his huge regional tour," a source said. The Independent reported

vesterday that Mr Major will

give his backing to Mr Hague minutes before the results of the

ballot are released. Lady Thatcher will also lend her support later in the week, when Mr Major has left for a speaking engagement in Amer-

Mr Hague's shadow cabinet colleagues were stung in activity yesterday, issuing more press releases than they have all summer, after being accused in the media of being a bunch of

#### Labour councillors face suspension

Allegations of corruption have swept through Labour councils across the country in the past few months. Christian Wolmor previews a report, to be discussed by the party's National **Executive Committee**, on damaging charges faced by Labour councillors in Glasgow.

Labour is expected to take tough action against nine Glasgow councillors accused of bringing the party into disrepute over allegations of junketing and misusing a council fund.

A report on the allegations is due to be presented today to Labour's ruling National Executive Committee and is expected to show that there was widespread ahuse in Glasgow of the way that conference trips and other visits were allocated to councillors.

It will also say that a special fund, the Common Good Fund, which is under the control of the provost. (the equivalent of mayor south of the border) was misused because it was used to allow councillors to go on trips. The report is deeply critical of the whole management of the Labour-controlled council.

The report is based on interviews by a team of investigators with 37 of Labour's 75 councillors, but the publication of the report was delayed to ensure it did not interfere with the devolution vote.

Four councillors - Pat Laily, the provost, Bob Gould, the leader, Alex Mosson, the Deputy Provost, and Gordon MacDiarmid, the deputy leader - are all likely to be recommended for suspension, Five other councillors, who do not hold senior positions on the council, are likely to be recommended for expulsion.

Charges of bringing the party into disrepute are likely to be drawn up against all nine and passed to the party's national constitutional committee which will decide what action to take.

Firm action is assured. Tony Blair is anxious to show that Labour will not tolerate sleaze in its ranks. Similar action is likely to be taken against Labour councillors in Doncaster where investigations are being carried out by the police, the Labour party, the district auditor and the council itself.



Sea storm: Campaigners at the High Court yesterday where they were trying to force a judicial review of the Government's granting of licences for oil exploration in the Atlantic. They say rare coral is endangered

#### **Brown reignites** Cabinet pay row

Two Cabinet ministers broke ranks and indicated that they would get a pay rise next year. Colin Brown, explains how John Prescott is trying to defuse the issue.

The Cabinet yesterday looked set to get an increase in pay after two ministers said that part of their £16,000 rise would be paid in stages, in spite of a renewed call for restraint by the Chancellor, Gordon Brown,

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, said: "The position is clear, that the Cabinet has agreed we should not take the full pay increase, that it should be deferred and that John Prescott [Deputy Prime Minister) and others should look at how it is phased and staged in."

David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education and Employment, said that Mr Prescott would find a consensus for this year's pay rise, but a decision on next year's pay settlement should not be reached until the next report by the senior salaries review body. It is expected that the rise from

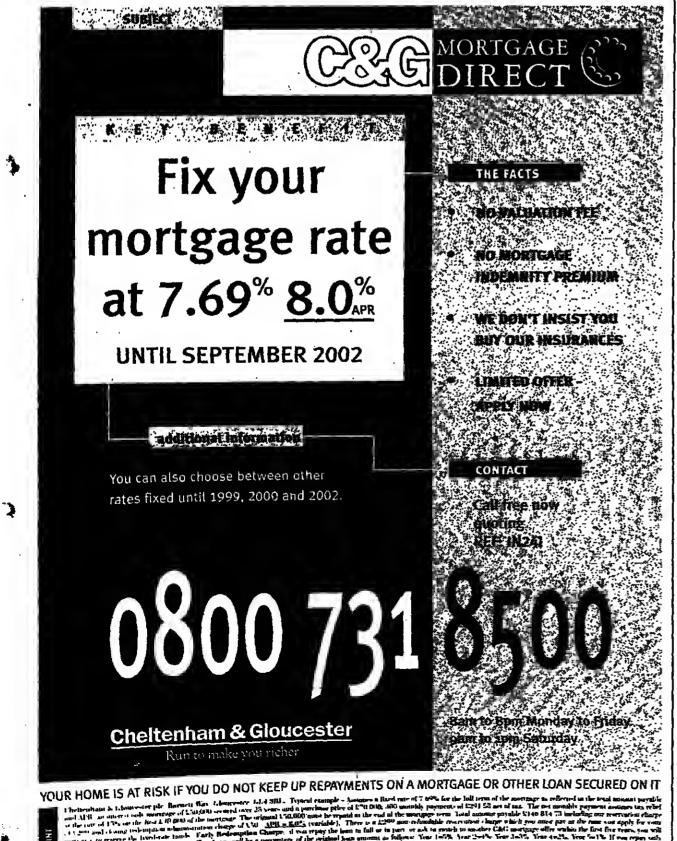
April will be limited to the rise for nurses and most other pullic-sector workers.

Mr Prescon was sounding. out Cabinet colleagues on plans for defusing the row, including the possibility of linking future pay rises to those for civil servants, when news broke that Mr Brown had waded back into the row, "I have insisted that, across the board, public-sector pay settlements must be guided by firmness and fairness," Mr Brown said. His reference to "across the board" was seen as a rebuke to Cahinet ministers still squabbling over their rises.

Cahinet sources confirmed yesterday that they were extremely angry both about being "bounced" into forgoing the pay rises by the Prime Minister and the Chancellor, and about the way it was handled.

Mr Prescott was given the task of peace-maker by the Prime Minister, and began consulting colleagues last week by telephone. The deputy Prime Minister did another ringaround of the Cabinet on Monday night.

Mr Prescott is concerned that unless the Cabinet accepts a hike in pay at some stage, they could be overtaken by their junior ministers.





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For the third consecutive year the harvest in North Korea has been ruined by devastating floods. Many homes have been destroyed and millions of people face starvation. Already huge numbers of children are barely surviving on a diet of tree bark, grass and roots. The floods have also severely damaged the nation's health system leaving it ill-equipped to deal with matnourished and suffering children.

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# **Grand old** lady of Paris comes to the London stage

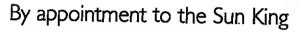
Next week, the Comédie Française will spearhead a French invasion of British theatreland that will last until Christmas, Here we present a portrait in words and pictures of the oldest national theatre company in the world, not seen in London since 1973. Philippe Tesson, theatre critic of Le Figaro, looks at the company's 300year history

The Comedie Française is a very old lady whose main function is to bear witoess to the three centuries that made the French theatre's glory. It is commissioned to keep alive, with a duty of excellence, the national repertoire of which Molière, Racioe, Marivaux are the prestigious emblems.

has her own coquetries and sometimes gives way to audacities more likely to be found io a young girl's character. She puts on Geoei, she plays Corneille in the "destroy" style or Offenbach, in the manner of a boulevard play. She can eveo be eccentric. But there is no harm in her being an object of scandal for real theatre and real life are worth that price. And anyway, the Comédie Française always lands oo her dignity.

For she is a cational property, like the Château de Versailles, coq au vin or Napoleon's hat. The French keep a jealous eye on her. Created by Louis XIV, she sailed through the mooarchy, the Revolutioo, the Empire and the Republics without any infringement of her privileged status as a public institution. She imperturbably holds our against History. The most market-oriented economists would not dare try to turn her into a private eoterprise.

The Comédie Française is actually the only issue on which But, like all old ladies, she the French can never disagree.



Founded to 1680 by Louis XIV servatives stayed at the Odéon, himself, the Comedie Française while the liberals moved to the originally held a royal monopoly on all theatre in the French

For nearly a century, it performed in a converted jeu de paume (a kind of tennis court) in the rue Fosses-Saint-Germain. It then moved to the Salles des Machines at the Tuileries and in 1789 was granted a new theatre - later renamed the Odéon - near the Luxembourg Gardens on Paris's left bank. After the French Revolution, the company briefly split into two groups: the cr

rue de Richelieu. Io 1799, the company reunited at the latter-

Comédiens-Français, the company's actors are employed under titles of great formality, and today number 34 sociétaires and 27 pensionnaires. Past members include such luminaries of the French stage as Rachel, Sarah Bernhardt, Jean-Louis Barrault, and Madeleine Renaud.

While the Comedie Française is best known for its rich tives and the liberals. The con- French repertoire, its annexa- Comédie's artistic director, has money.

address, where it operates today. As the Société des

> however, and to launch the 12week French Theatre season,

chosen to present a true clas-

roductions of the classical Jean-Pierre Miquel, the summed up in a single word:

sic of the Gallic theatre - Pierre Cariet de Chamblain de Mariswansong, Les Fausses Confidences (1737). A hard-bitting. even scandalous, attack on class and character, it's a'play whose central theme can be



tion of the Théâtre du Vieux-Colombier and addition of a Studio Theatre have led to a new flexibility in mixing old and new across the three venues. For the company's first visit to London in over 20 years,

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Winnie is buried, up to her waist, then up to her neck. With nothing but her scant possessions, fading memories and her almost commose spouse, Winnie becomes a survivor. Brook has chosen Beckett's French language version, written a year after the English Happy Days.



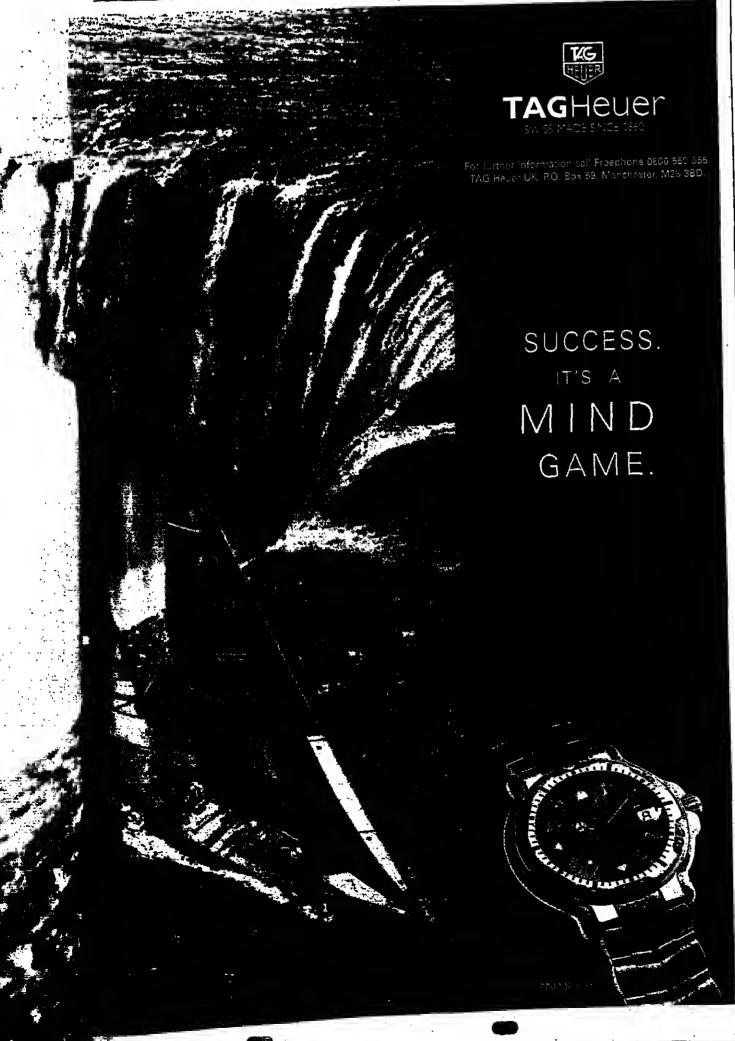


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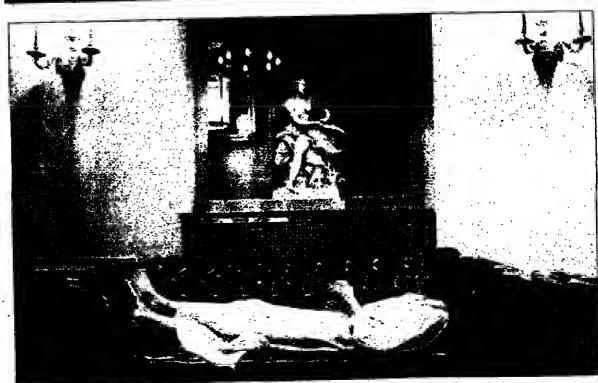
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The Comédie Française bring Marivaux's comedy Les Fausses Confidences to at the Royal National Theatre, London, for a five-day season, starting next Tuesday. The production, at the Lyttelton Theatre, will be one of the highlights of a season of French theatre that runs at various venues in London and Stratford-upon Avon until December, showcasing the work of venerable modernist figures such as Marguérite Duras and Samuel Beckett as well as some of the young Turks of the French contemporary stage. Laurie Lewis was given exclusive backstage access to the Comédie Française before they left their base in Paris. Coraly Zohanero (above) awaits her cue in Les Fausses Confidences, while Catherine Samie (left) watches the stage action on the green room television while waiting to go on.



# 18/THEATRE

#### Surely there's more to life than 'This Life'?

To look at the current crop of new plays, you'd think that all twentysomethings are interested in is Britpop and beer. But then again, what else are young playwrights to write about except their own inexperience? By Dominic Cavendish



Photo: Adrian Dennis

"Something's got to be said, and I don't know if we've got anything to say." says a young woman, cradling a can of beer, surveying her audience meaningfully. In its posturing lack of assertion, this antistatement - from Zero, by Frantic Assembly - could serve as the creed of a hizarre new dramatic sub-genre: the twentysomething play.

Plays written by twentysomethings, particularly male twentysomethings, have been rife for a while. But many of the socalled "hratpack" credited with rejuvenating theatre over the past few years precociously located their imaginations bevond the immediate concerns of their peer group. Martin McDonagh. for example, headed for fantasy Ireland in The Leenane Trilogy, Jez Butterworth for a reconfigured Fifties Sobo in Mojo. When 31-year-old Mark Ravenhill (above) marched on to home soil with Shopping and Fucking last cal generation in her. Her days are spent

year, it looked as though the definitive stage answer to television's This Life had been written in one fell swoop; henceforward it . would be hard to convey the experiences of the in-flux generation, struggling with their precarious Nineties lives, without a sense of dejà vu, of uninspired sameness. (Aptly, Ravenhill himself has now been andeered to breathe angst into This Life's third series).

Yet the prosaic and the repetitive, the stressed-out as much as the sexed-up, are the flaunted ballmarks of the current crop of plays about men and women barely old enough to remember the last Labour government. Even more than Shopping and Fucking, these co-devised pieces confine themselves to the here and now, conjuring a physically urgent sense of an age group whose time is almost audibly ticking away.

Frantic Assembly's Zero is TV's Friends without the jokes. Or the character details. It does, though, have cans of beer, which the cast throw to one another, in a chummy way, in between rushing around to screeching techno music and earnestly addressing the audience like new-found best buddies. Instead of a Manhattan apartment, they have a large, plastic doll's bouse. Apparently conceived "in the back of a minibus approaching the equator in Ecuador", Zero's theme is the millennium. The tone alternates between the portentous - "We are children of chaos, children of the damned" - and the hyper-confessional -"I

John Keates's 27, performed by his theatre company Fecund, involves a similar act of navel-gazing to bursts of Britpop and club anthems. The title marks the age at which Keates became conscious of time galloping, and provides the cue for a multi-media retrospective/celebration of his life to date: birth, school, teen crushes, university, trips to Ibiza, first shite job, London hedonism etc. He (or, at least, the actor playing him) becomes a kind of everybloke, on a journey of self-realisation, his conclusion: "What's wrong with failure? Glorious failure?"

can see I'm really boring the tits off you".

Keates wouldn't exactly be an ideal suitor for Grace, the quaintly named heroine of Sarah Woods's play of the same name, who has not a gram of the chemi-



How do you get twentysomethings into the theatre? Give them lots of 'Shopping and Fucking'. No wonder Mark Ravenhill (left) is moving to 'This Life' (above)

sorting through the options that force their way through umpteen hatch-doors in her bedroom walls as her biological alarmclock hits 30. Her opening "memo to self", in which she makes a note to do everything from get married to swim the Channel, suggests that she could be the younger, more surreal sister of Bridget Jones, Like Ms Jones, her refrain is one of jocular exasperation - she is too panicked to have anything insightful to say.

It would be convenient to dismiss these plays as under-achieving, self-indulgent, creatively bankrupt attempts to cash in on youth culture, their truisms fit only for people with zero taste. You're in your twenties? You got nothing particular to say? Don't worry - throw on some jeans and a pact on the andience."

T-shirt, and let's do the show right here! Except that critics and audiences alike have fallen for them in a hig way. Particularly Grace, still on tour after a year. As Victoria Worsley, who plays the image of her former "disastrously single" self, points out, "Grace is about recognition, not revelation. Some guys ask, 'What's it about?' It is ordinary, but that's the point. It doesn't feel ordinary when you are going through it; it feels very painful."

From the perspective of a traditional playwright, 27 is a bad play," John Keates admits, "but there is something happening, which it is difficult to define. The intention is create emotional temperatures that, in an accumulative way, have an im-

Director's guff, you might think, but, despite its pately script, 27 is a surprisingly moving representation of a constantly changing period of development; like the other two works, its content is imaginatively bound up in its form.

Dramatised statements of the obvious. then, but why shouldn't theatre perform this rather modest descriptive role from time to time, in its search for new audiences and new relevance? The only danger is, of course, that every young company will start. feeding on its own inexperience; we'll be dragged into a youth ghetto and bludgeoned with mortgage crises and premarital hangups. We'll just have to learn to spot pale imitations of This Life: a few months ago it was Daragh Carville's Language Roulette,

guys and gals quick-firing Seventies TV references at each other in a puh, At the moment, it's Matt Markham's Questing in Hampstead, which opens with the immertal line: "Imagine what life will be like when the last can of beer has been opened."

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That's one generational gambit this particular lager-swilling 27-year-old finds impossible to swallow.

'Questing': to Sunday, Pentameters Theatre, London NW3 (0171-435-3648) 'Zero': 13-15 October, BAC. London SW11 (0171-223 2223)

'Grace': 18-19 October, BAC (as above) '27': '27 November-14 December, Oral House, London SW11 (0171-582 7680) and

#### Full bard and lodging at the Intercontinental

At the end of August the actor Christopher Luscombe completed a 12-month stint in Stratford with the

RSC. Most of his colleagues then took a well-earned break. But he set off on an international tour with his one-man show, 'Half Time'. This is his version of events...

Tuesday 26th August

Heatbrow. Not a great start. The plane to Cyprus was delayed and check-in was interrupted by a security alen. I still haven't recovered from the ordeal of shutting up my digs in Stratfurd and moving back to London, and now I'm travelling through the night with a bag of prups and an addled brain. Over the next three weeks I'll be visiting five countries and ten venues with my

one-man show. Once airborne, I embark on a fitful linerun (I last performed the piece more than a month ago in Chichester); the stewardess casts a nervous glance in my direction as I jabber silently to myself. I arrive as dawn breaks over the Troodos Mountains, and am met by Wing Commander Malcolm Jones, my host for the next week.

Thursday 28th August

I'm perfurming at military bases in Cyprus, the first venue being RAF Akrotiri. Small stage, steeply-raked seating and new lighting rig - oh, and Malcolm tells me we're sold out. In other words, near-perfect conditions. It takes longer than usual for the audience - mainly officers and their wives - to start laughing. But they do seem to be listening hard (that terrible cuphemism). In the second half the response picks up and I find I'm enjoying myself.

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Friday 29th August An open-air show hosted by the Commander of British Forces. Normally I'd he apprehensive about going alfresco, hut with such warm weather and no breeze it seems quite a good idea. The lighting is very rudi-

mentary though, and my sound cues are relayed over the family's domestic hi-fi. But I'm determined to rise above the problems - amongst which is a pillar centre stage. Wonderfully attentive hlack-tie audience led by the merrily laughing Air Vice-Marshal Occasionally visited on stage by a bat but manage to keep my concentration. Had I spotted the gecko which was apparently darting around my feet it might have been a different story.

Monday 1st September Everyone stunned by the news of Princess Diana's death. After some deliberation, the Air Vice-Marsbal decides that the

show must go on, so we head for lia. Took a while to galvanise the . Ayios Nikolaos, an army garrison to the east of the Island. We're outdoors again, but it's less picturesque this time - a makeshift stage in the corner of a huge car park, surrounded by enormous hangars. Desperately bleak by day, but by nightfall a surprisingly intimate acting area emerges. A smaller audience, perhaps because of the news. At the end I'm asked to dedicate the performance to the Princess and we all stand for the national anthem.

We must have made a pathetically touching sight in this desolate car park on a far-flung patch of British territory. **Tuesday 2nd September** 

Stayed last night in Officer's Mess accommodation and woke up to a lavish hreakfast, followed by a lazy morning reading every newspaper in sight. Tore myself away at lunchtime and Malcolm drove us to another garrison - Dheke-

technical team (a teacher, an accountant and Kevin - a schoolboy-on lights) to the extent that I actually went to sleep during the rehearsal - a first. An enthusiastic audience, who sobered up abruptly for another curtain speech and a woefully inadequate recording of the national anthem.

Thursday 4th September Arrive in Delhi to find both my performances bere bave beencancelled - one at the British Council, the other at the High Commissioner's Residence. The whole British Community and most of the Indians I meet -really are in mourning, and nobody's in the mood for a comie show. So despite feeling a bit of a fraud, I resign myself to a holiday in the opulent surroundings of the H C's des res.

Sunday 7th September

An amazing four days, in which life's been dominated by the Princess of Wales. At the Taj Mahal, the architecture's sadly upstaged by a new tourist attraction - the bench where she sat for that famous photograph. Went to sign the book of condulence at the Commission, and to my bewilder-ment was rushed to the front of the tong queue. Apparently all guests of the High Commissioner are given this privilege. The clerk who led me to the table dismissed my protests, although couldn't help inquiring as I sat down "who actually are you?"

Tuesday 9th September From one oasis of luxury to another - the splendours of the Intercontinental Hotel in Muscat, where I'm joined by my enterprising producer, David Donabie. The botel staff work all day to turn a function room into a theatre, and we're rewarded with a terrific audience, led by the British Ambassador and his wife, who saw me a few weeks ago at Stratford and seem to be almost as well-informed about the London theatre scene as my agent. Well, bener informed actually.

Wednesday 10th September On to the Dubal Intercontinental, for two performances. Discover that I'm booked into Marbles Wine Bar, where the usual attraction is Madame.



Christopher Luscombe: one man and his Dogberry

Huda, a voluptuous helly dancer. The audience are understandably nonplussed by my act, and tomorrow night I'm promised a more suitable space in this vast hotel.

Thursday (1th September A rave in the local press - did they really see that fiasco last night and conclude "One-Man Show Enthralls Dubai"? Move over Paul Taylor. But tonight the show - now in a smart upstairs room - does go down a treat, although I say so myself. We're stuck for a venue over the weekend (the theatre in Doba pulled out at the last minute), but the General Manager of the hotel in Abu Dhabi is in the audience and says he'll try and fix something up for us. .

Tuesday l6th September Have spent a glorious weekend

lounging around at the Abu Dbabi Intercontinental and true to bis word, the Manager here has secured us a performance tonight at the British Ambassador's Residence. His Excellency seems only too happy to throw open his doors at such short notice, and has drummed up a splendid audience to pack out the elegant drawing room. He sits on the front row with his Danish wife Sophic and their three beautiful blond children, who laugh raucously at all the rude bits of

Wednesday 17th September The last night. Another "parlour performance", this time in Bahrain, where our hostess is Adriné, a glamorous Armenian who seems to combine running the city's international School with coordinating the

local social scene. We celebrate the end of the tour with a night un the town. but I soon begin to will, and am mindful of tomorrow's early start and the flight home. It'll be strange to feel the chill of the English autumn next week in Newcastle, but I'll appreciate company both on- and uffstage at the Theatre Royal, Intervals aren't much fun in a one-man show, nor is the moment of walking into the bar afterwards, when you suddenly feel strangely guilty for singlehandedly hijacking everyone's evening. At least next week Shakespeare can take some of

the blame too. Christopher Luscombe is currently appearing with the RSC in The Merry Wives of Windsor and 'Much ado about Nothing' at the Theatre Royal, Newcastle. Bookings 0191-232 2061

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#### 25 years on the **Connection needs** no correction

From Saturday, readers of 'The Independent' can get 15 per cent off French Connection's winter collection for men and women. Tomsin Blanchard recommends the best buys for the season ahead. Photographs by Julian Marshall

This autumn, you may sense a gap in your wardrobe for a short leather skirt with side splits; a pair of boot-cut suede trousers; or a calf-length coat with a tie belt and a fake fur collar. You can have them all, and save money in the process: French Connection is offering Independent readers 15 per cent off at its 22 stores around the country.

French Connection grew out of the founder, Stephen Marks's own label, begun in 1969. The movie French Connection was released in 1971, and when Marks teamed up with a Paris-based designer the following year, he borrowed the name. It was an inspired choice, giving the chain a cosmopolitan stamp. "The whole idea was to bring designer fashion to the high street," says Marks, in between this week's shop openings in Watford, Amsterdam, Miami and Pasadena,

FC's strength has always been its ability to produce design-led fashion at affordable prices. One of the strongest pieces for this season, a green Indian embruidered and sequined dress, takes the label full circle back to the early days wheo ethnic fabrics were its trademark.

French Connectioo launched its range for men in 1976, and in 1986 followed it with childrenswear.

By definition, fashioo changes coostantly. The secret of survival is to keep one step ahead of the pack. Oo the whole, French Connection has achieved this. It has even managed to develop its own controversial advertising campaign, with ad man of the moment Trevor Beattie, Just four letters, FCUK, have worked miracles for the company's street cred. A simple white T-shirt bearing the logo FCUK has become a clubber's must-haveand created a oew generation of customer for the company.

"I wanted the advertising to stand out," says Marks. And the stark white adverts, some without a product in sight, do iust that, and with a sense of we're making is a few frocks," he says.

FC has managed to evolve with the Ninctics from something that, in the Eighties, was in danger of becoming tired and dated, into something minimal and modern; and that's just the shop fittings. The clothes achieve a clever balance, refleeting catwalk trends, without alienating the customer. French Connection fans know they can find comfort and utility as well as something a bit out of the ordinary. The company offers a range of clothes that is, says Marks, "a little more forward",

One of the main differences between designer fashion and the high street version is the willingness of the retailer to compromise. The catwalk may dictate power shoulders, but if the consumer thinks they look ridiculous, she woo't buy them. "The public are the hest judges," says Marks. "And when they're buying in the quantities they are, then we're giving them what they want."

For men who can shop for themselves there are leather and sucde jackets and knitwear that ranges from rugged and chunky to fine-gauge and V-necked. There are also shoes, and scarves that look hand-knitted.

For work, French Connection offers the best classic single-breasted suit for £220. That's a saving of £33 with one of The Independent's exclusive discouot tokens. How can you afford not to go shopping? FC! OK.















Main photograph: Green sheer sequin shift with underslip, £100; scarf, £30; cardigan £60 Far left: Man's camel suede shirt, £225: boudé scarf, £15 Left: Tie-front grey coat with fake fur collar, £200, grey sparkle v-neck t-shirt, £30

Above, from top: Man's navy fleece zip-up top. £70. Man's brown single-breasted suit: jacket, £140. trousers, £80; orange V-neck jumper with shoulder stripe. £50: black loafers with twist detail, £90. Beige V-neck T-shirt, £20; beige suede trousers, £160; carnel ponyskin desert boots, £86. Grey single-breasted surt: jacket. £160; trousers, £70; scarf £30,

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#### LONDON FASHION WEEK

# From Impossible to be Worse to Hard to be Better

Spain's top fashion designer is slumped in a chair. sucking on a Marlboro. She doesn't look like the glamorous vision her press clippings suggest, but Amaya Arzunga can be forgiven. Having flown into London from Madrid, where she has been celebrating the end of Spanish Fashion Week, the 27-year-old looks in need of a test. But that will have to with. There is next Tuesday's fushion show to organise. Arzuaga is half-way there

already. Her spring/summer collection for men and women sits on rails in the spacious studio of her

London agent, Palladio, There are similar rails in Paris, Milan, New York and Madrid. This is not unusual for a designer who despite her youth is extremely organised; she has 300 stockists world-wide, and an anoual turnover of £10m.

Arzuaga showed for the first time in Loodoo last March. The show made the front page in Spain, where she is designer of the year, hut she seems uninterested by their adulation.

"Spain is not happening for fashion: il is very boring and very conservative, they all dress pijo," she says in

her heavily accented English. of her family home with 300 Pilo is Spanish for preppy, or yuppy. She is lucky. Her father, Florentino, runs an exclusive vineyard which produces some of the finest red wice in Spain. His label. Arzuaga, guaranteed the young designer an instantly recognisable product; her mother, Maria Luisa, is also a knitwear designer and

The young Amaya grew up oo a sprawling estate oear Madrid. "It was not like Falcon Crest, you know," she insists when asked about her upbringing; and this is despite sharing the grounds

manufacturer

wild deer. However, it is clear that she is now fairly shy of the high life. "I do ont mix with fashion people, I live in the country and read a lot," she says. Teo years ago it was different. Miss Arzuaga was a wild child. She sang in a band called Impossible to be Worse, hung out with Almodovar's muse Rosie de Palma, and wore the most outrageous Gaultier she could find.

After attending the Madrid University of Fashion, Arzuaga designed her first knitwear collection, and sold it in Paris. She is

known for clever and colourful knitwear designs that marry uousual fabric combinations, and for the latest in computer technology, but colour and texture is where she excels. "It is a preconception that I only do knits, " she says. Io fact, though stores such as Whistles. Liberty and Browns Focus sell her jumpers, there is much more to Amaya Arzuaga clothes.

The collection that is being shown as part of Loodon Fashion Week is her seventh. About one-third is knitwear; the rest is a confection of quirky,

asymmetrical slip dresses with delicate embroidery. It also features candy-striped meo's trousers and shorts. Elements of Londoo style include hand-painted shirts and dresses, and lopsided vest tops with layers of stretch organza over textured prints. There is also a line of sunglasses and jewellery. What next? Well, if her clothes are anythiog to go by, her father's wice must be a very pleasant tipple.

> Melanie Rickey Portrait: Outumuro





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#### BELOVED AND BONK

#### Diary of a divorce

It's a funny old place, grief. In the past month since Beloved left, I've found myself sobbing gratefully in the arms of Tories, Masons and even, God help me, people who would vote double yes to devolving their parish council.

It's not that I simply force myself on complete strangers and say excuse me my husband has just left me. I need to soak your lapels and smear snot down your collar for a few moments. No, it's more that huge amounts of compassion and warmth lurk in the most unexpected of places. I mean, I'm a good left-wing liberal and I make hard and prejudiced judgements about people on the basis of dress, accent and vehicle. So it comes as a shock to discover that Land-Rover drivers with Sloane habits and county voices can press you to their bo-som with greater sincerity than Levi wearers with glottal stops and old Citroens,

In fact, it has been a month of discoveries. I have discovered how people come 10 do murder, suicide and anaesthetic free willy-ectomy; I've discovered that violently unsisterly thoughts about Beloved's Bonk are a great comfort at four in the morning; and I've discovered how to change the message on the answerphone. This last nearly led me into seriously unacceptable behaviour, of which Beloved would most definitely not have approved. I changed our old message (Beloved gloomily giving his many alternative numbers) to a new one me saying hello and giving one of Beloved's alternative numbers. As I did it, the options open to me became apparent: "Hello leave a message after the tone. If you wish to contact Beloved you are not my friend anymore' or "If you wish to contact Beloved you need therapy" "If you wish to contact Beloved phone him between 1 and 3am." I finally settled on "and if you wish to contact Beloved you'll need a Ouija board." I left it on the machine for about an bour, twitching nervously right next to the phooe, and then I chickened out, because I cling. In the face of all the evideoce to the contrary I cling to the hope that Beloved will leave Bonk and come back to me and I feel that "Contact Beloved by Ouija" is not a message that would smooth his safe passage home.

Of course there isn't anything that will do that, so I've found myself looking for signs and portents of the sort I used to predict the outcome of spelling tests or adolescent crushes. "If the next car is a yellow golf then he still loves me." Well oot quite like that because I don't think they made yellow gotfs so I'd be setting myself up for a lifetime of failed spelling tests and broken marriages wouldn't 1? The one I tried last week was "If-he-sees-me-in-thisnew-dress-it'll-all-be-OK". I had it planned .... my exit to a solo outing as he arrived to nick up the kids. But for the first time in our entire married life he was early. Instead of a brief swirl of blue silk and black high heels as I slammed the hack door in nonchalant defiance, he snuck upstairs and caught me doing my mascara in the landing mirfor with my tights on over my knickers and no dress. Then when I finally teetered resplendent into the kitchen, the straps on my shoes were too loose and I had to climb off them and try making an extra hole with the corkscrew. By this time I was shaking with the strain so I missed the strap and nearly speared a major artery.

But maybe it was a good portent, because he made the holes for me with some evening-shoestrap-holing device on his Swiss army knife. Knives? Puncturing? Yes come in Mr Freud ... I could still have a chance.

Stevie Morgan



# Give in, cop out - a mother's confession

What are we doing to our children? Bringing them up to express themselves freely in a way we never could, or failing them by refusing to teach them how to behave? Is it because we are enlightened that we give them their own way? No, says Diana Appleyard, it

I recently had tea in of those grand old fusty hotels, in Leamington Spa, with my grandmother and mother. I took along my four and nine-year-old daughters, both giving smart dresses a rare airing. I felt so

proud of them as we walked in. While we were waiting for the tea to arrive, my four-yearold hehaved as she always does - climbing over the chair, peeping at people, and then, bored, trotting up and down the aisles of chairs, singing happily to herself. I smiled fondly at her, until I realised my grandmother was not smiling. She was appalled, "You would never have behaved like this," she said. "Oh, come on nanan," I said. "She's only four." My mum hutted in, "No. you wouldn't." Thinking about it on the way home. I realised that no. I

probably wouldn't. My sister Are we producing self-aware and I would have sat quietly on the edge of our seats, huttoned np in well-pressed Windsor Woolly outfits. If I'd started to climb on my seat, or shouted, my mum would have smartly rein severe disgrace. My whole approach to parenting is radicaldifferent from my mother's. It took this one small episode Our children wear hright, stretchy leggings from Next, Tshirts and soft Lycra tights. - stretchy, bendy, do what you

We give in over all sorts of matters, large and small. Go to the supermarket any day of the week, and you'll hear children pushing their parents to the limit with demands for sweets, throwing themselves to the ground, yelling, refusing to move. And what do we do? Instead of smacking the child hard - in from of other people - tucking them under one arm and walking out of the supermarket never to return, we negotiate. We say, "If you stop behaving like this then you can have some sweets. If you're good you can sit in the front on the way home". Our generation of parents believe you don't impose absolute authority on children - you negotiate, let them have their say, and their way.

childreo or uncontrollable ones? Many of my friends - including mothers who stay at home - say they are finding it harder and harder to control their children. My own ninemoved me from the hotel year-old will frequently answer staff each week, that is coorlounge and I would have been me back in public and almost every request is met with, "Why?" or, "So what?" The question is - why bave we changed our parenting styles so to remind me how different. radically from those of our partition fault. ents? Is it love? Or is it something else? Guilt?

"The main difference is of Their dothes are like mine are course that often both parents work," says Jenni Renwick-Smith, a child psychologist who deals with behavioural problems. "Instead of the mother making it her main joh to bring up children, we rely on childminders, nurseries, nannies or au pairs. Even grandparents now are often too busy, or live

too far away to help." Of course, she says, there have always been children who were cheeky or rebellious, but now she fears we are creating a generation of deeply insecure children - who don't react to their parent's attempts at discipline because it isn't consistent. Most parents feel they're doing their best - but often. they're simply not. "This is very hard to say and I don't want to impose further guilt on mothers who have to work, hut if a of time, to others. Parenting child goes through a lot of now means child-care hassle.

fect. We are forcing our children to be independent much earlier. Most children search for consistency and boundaries. If a creche has different members of mously confusing to a young child. If a namey or au pair suddenly leaves; then that is a loss tantamount in importance to a death - and they will think it's

"To a young child the adult world. Anyone in child psychology will tell you that if you change those adults on a frequent basis, a child will become

very unhappy and very insecure. "If you leave the upbringing of your child to a constantlychanging rota of adults with different sets of rules, you cannot expect your child to accept your rules at home. They will become very confused, if they're allowed to do certain things at the creche, but not at home. It's insecurity we're talking about, and it's not an intellectual prob-

lem, but an emotional one." This makes very uncomfortable reading to so many of us, who exist in a generation where it is entirely acceptable for mothers - and fathers - to work full-time and delegate the responsibility of bringing up their children, for the majority

changes in the years before Jenni Renwick-Smith goes as far they are five it does have an ef- as to say she shudders to think what our children's parenting skills will be like. "It is a conundrum for every

working parent I know. We try so hard to think we are doing the best we can for our children, and we try to compensate in so many ways for simply not being

This, says Renwick-Smith, is accept our rules.

"We refuse to accept that : make children behave. You have to be ruthless at times, and unpleasant. When you've done a full week's work and you're confronted with a screaming child in a crowded supermarket on a Saturday, do you really feel up to a hlazing row?

denying our children things they want is so hard for us -because we're so scared of oushing them away - we feel so guilty about working in the first place. It isn't just parents. It's now the philosophy of most schools to let children self-express - if they're bored sitting down, they get up and wander around. Children are taught to think far afraid to voice their own opin-

"This is a positive step forward, but what's also happening is that many of the teenagers I see have little or no awareness of other people's feelings. We give in to our children so often to make up for not being there. we're not teaching them to think about other people's needs," says Renwick-Smith.

My mother regarded hringing myself and my sister up as why we see so many children her main joh. If we behaved throwing tantamis and refusing badly; it reflected on her skills to accept authority, and why old- as a parent. I have spent much they're with is their whole erchildren seem so reluctant to more time working than I have hringing up my children. There is now a much greater accepparenting is a long, hard, con-, tance of uncontrolled behaviour sistent slog. It is hard work to - if my children behave appallingly in public I get sympathy, not opprobrium.

The main period of change in parenting came in the sixties. when the extremes of libertarian philosophy filtered down gradually to ordinary young parents and became authorised "Laying the law down and by Dr Spock and, later, Penelope Leach. Authoritarianism will never return - and shouldn't, says Renwick-Smith, citing the example of Japan, which has one of the highest rates of child suicide and depression in the civilised world. But many of us are slowly coming round to the idea that children do not necessarily know best, and that in over-compensating for the lack more independently, and not be of time we spend with them we might be creating a generation of insecure hrats.



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#### Was I curried by Edwina?

wina Currie. On Monday morning, that interview appeared in this paper. On Monday afternoon, Edwina announced her 26-year marriage to Ray Currie was over. Come Monday evening my answerphone was flashing with messages that went: "Is scoop there?" Oh, ha-

But did I really miss the story? No. I did not. My own view is that it was Edwina who missed the opportunity to tell me, which is a shame, because I am a very sympathetic listener and could have said some useful things along the lines of: "How did Ray put up with you for as long as he did?" and "What did he see in you in the

first place, anyway?" Now, I'm not saving Edwina isn't entirely without some endearing characteristics. She is, at heart, a very caring, warm persoo, the sort who had worked out that her elderly mother had sufficient funds to provide for her own nursing care for "two and a half years should it come to it. Certainly, she is not the monster of self-obsession she is often made out to be. in

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On Saturday I interviewed Ed- I spent eight hours with her, all and all, and during this time she often asked me questions about myself. One was: "Would you mind carrying my bag?" And that was about it, actually.

Anyway, I did ask Edwina about her marriage, Truly, I did. And she said the things she always says about her marriage. Ray is brilliant. Ray 'likes a quiet life' and lets her do her own thing. Ray 'enjoys my books enormously.' Edwina writes a lot about sex. And talks about it a lot, too. Some people say that those who go on and on about sex do so because they aren't getting any. Perhaps, yes, I did miss a clue here.

But what if I'd asked: "Are you and Ray about to split up?" Would she have answered truthfully? I don't think so. Hang on, are you saying that Edwina would have lied? No, of course I'm not. She is, I'm sure, a very honest person. But she lied to the press all the time when her daughter, Debbie, went about pretending to be a pop star. "I found myself telling lies! Baldfaced lies! And when Debbie and I read them hack we were stitches. Stitches!

Of course, there was nothing cynical about Edwina making the announcement when she did. On Saturday, when I accompanied her to a book signing session, I noted that business was so quiet she almost had to half-nelson people into buying her latest novel. The fact that, from now on, she'll create much more of a fuss and will be greeted in bookshops by, if not more readers, than at least a full turn out of the tabloid press is, I'm sure, entirely unrelated. Yesterday's front page headline in The Daily Telegraph - 'I'm leaving home, says Currie in novel style'- must have upset her greatly.

In short, was I shafted? Yes, of course I was. In future, will I begin every interview with the question: "Are you about to divorce?" Absolutely. But I refuse to take any of this hard because I know I'm not a rubhish journalist. It was I who, I'll thank you to remember, broke the story about Norma Major keeping grated choose in an empty icecream tub in her freezer, so as to always have it handy. So don't tell me I don't know how to do

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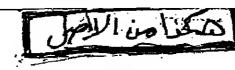
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Los Angeles 18 September The man who invented the

blues singer: born Gurdor

Arkansas 8 August 1923; died

word "lugubrious" must have had Jimmy Witherspoon at the forefront of his mind. Spoon's blues were classic, macho. tragic and vivid.

If fish can love under water. And worms can love underground, if rats can love in a garbage can, Woman, you'd better not turn me

When the points are added up Witherspoon stands out as having been the ultimate amongst the troubadours of sexual disaster. He ranked with Joe Turner and Joe Williams as the most powerful of the city blues singers, and his instinct for the music gained him an enormous following throughout the world. He was particularly popular in Britain, coming there first in the early Sixties and returning until his final job last

year at the Jazz Café in London. Witherspoon hegan singing as a soloist in the family church when he was five years old. He left his school in Arkansas in 1939 when he was 16, forged a rail pass (his father had been a brakeman on the Missouri Pacifie Railroad), and made his

way to Hollywood, where he All I'd been doing was opening hoped to begin a career as a singer. In the great tradition of such journeys, he wound up as a dish-washer at the Owl Drugstore. The young boy sang whenever the opportunity presented itself, and sat in with Art Tatum, Stam Stewart and T-Bone Walker.

Jimmy Witherspoon

Witherspoon joined the Merchant Marine in 1941 and, when his ship docked for repairs at Calcutta, sang for a time with hand led there by the American pianist Teddy Weatherford. He returned to California at an apposite moment in 1944 when the legendary blues singer Walter Brown had just left the band led by another pianist, Jay McShann (with whom, incidentally, Charlie Parker had begun his career a short time earlier).

The two men got on well together, and Witherspoon huilt up his name with McShann, staying until 1948.

"I never forget the first theatre date I played. I had been looking forward to it for a year and a half. It was at the Regal Theatre in Chicago, and Dinab Washington and the Ravens were also on the bill. They went to the manager and said that there was too much singing, so they cut me out of

the show; and Dinah was the

McShann knocked the corners off Witherspoon and taught him about the raw side of music. Like many singers Witherspoon was restricted to singing in his favourite keys. Instrumentalists tend to look down on vocalists because the singers don't have to put in the years of learning and practice that a horn player needs to learn his craft. Witherspoon was aware of this when Art Tatum invited him to sing a number at a bar in Los Angeles where the

"He started in B-flat, but after that he went into every key in the ladder, and I didn't know which key he was in. Jay had told me that he'd do this, so I paid no attention to Art and his chord structures, kept my mind on B-flat, and sang right through

pianist was playing.

"Spoon,' he said, hitting me on the shoulder and laughing. Nobody in the world can do

Leaving McShann the singer settled in California, but he called McShann back when he recorded "Ain't Nobody's Business", a ponderous blues which immediately became a bit in the rhythm-and-blues field

not unusual, for a Witherspoon programme remained the same night after night, year after year, with even the "spontaneous" announcements and craeks paraded at every performance.)

Witherspoon continued to have hit records and extracts from some of his most atmospheric concerts were issued on 78s with great success. But the tide of rock-and-roll enveloped him and business fell away, leaving him bankrupt in 1953.

His career was revived in 1958 when, having abandoned the rhythm-and-blues style of so many of his hits, he began recording albums with jazz musicians. A sensational appearance at the 1959 Monterey Jazz Festival when he sang with Earl Hines, Ben Webster, Coleman Hawkins, Woody Herman and Roy Eldridge gained him respect from the azz specialists. Another session, recorded the same year at the Renaissance Club in Hollywood had him hacked by Webster, Gerry Mulligan and Jimmy Rowles and confirmed the jazz qualities of his singing.

abundance of labels. He toured Europe with Buck Clayton's hand in 1961 and went to Japan with Count the show. That hurt me worse and was to stay in his repertoire Basie in 1963. He returned to than anything in my whole life. for the rest of his life. (This was Europe to tour each year Basie in 1963. He returned to

His work appeared on an

throughout the Sixties and returned to the "pop" fold to have his "You're Next" recording enter the Hot 100 Hits of 1965. He worked briefly as a radio disc jockey and as an actor in the film Black Godfather. For his work in the latter the Black American Cinema Society gave him the Billie Holiday Phoenix

Witherspuon worked for Ernie Garside, the Manchester jazz impresario, and made several albums in England. When, in 1984, Witherspoon became ill in Manchester he was diagnosed as having cancer of the throat and received immediate and vital treatment at Christie's Hospital. After a long fight he was able to return to singing a year or so later; but his consequent lack of stamina meant that he could appear only in very short sets. His voice was deeper and less flexible than before and he adopted a more intimate manner of projecting it.

He returned some five years ago to the Manchester Royal Exchange Theatre, which he regarded as a "thank you" reappearance to Christie's.

Witherspoon could be a difficult man, subject as he was to mood swings and ego problems. hut perhaps this simply placed him in the operatic, as well as the blues, tradition.

-- Steve Voce



'Spoon': a troubadour of sexual disaster

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Jepson: radio début in 1933

#### Helen Jepson

felen Jepson, soprano: born Titusville, Pennsylvania 28 November 1904; twice married (one son, one daughter); died Bradenton, Florida 16 September 1997.

The first singer to reach the Metropolitan Opera through the medium of radio, Helen Jepson was a lyric soprano with a dark-eyed, blonde-haired beauty that matched her charming voice.

In the Thirties and Forties, American opera-goers were delighted to see a home-grown soprano alongside the more prominent European stars of ine day, and she bed jor attraction at the Met and other opera companies. She was the first soprano to record Gershwin's Porgy and Bess, had a starring role in the film The Goldwyn Follies (1938) and sang on radio with the bands of Paul Whiteman and Rudy Vallee, both of whom later claimed Photograph: Photofest her as their discovery. In fact,

the conductor Philip James first featured her with his Hamburger Symphony Orchestra on a local New Jersey broadcast in June 1933, months before she attracted the interest of those two gentlemen.

Born in Titusville, Pennsylvania, in 1904, Jepson grew up in Akron, Ohio, where she studied voice and had-leading roles in high-school productions of I Pagliacci, The Bohemian Girl and HMS Pinafore. She sold corsets and gramophone records to pay for tuition (also listening closely to records of Rosa Ponselle and other stars of the day) and won a scholar- she was voted Most Important ship to the Curtis Institute in New Air Personality of 1934.

While a student, she sang with the Philadelphia Civic itan and she made ber début Opera and organised a summer troupe with three other singers. Calling themselves the Mississippi Misses, they travelled 6,000 miles in 12 weeks giving concerts in 87 towns. In 1930, after appearances with the Philadelphia Symphony Or-

chestra and the Civic Opera, she created a sensation playing Nedda in I Pagliacci with the Philadelphia Grand Opera. She stayed with the company for three seasons until its financial collapse in 1932.

Moving to Manhattan with her husband, the flautist George Possell, she made her coast-tocoast radio début singing "The Jewel Song" from Faust on Rudy Vallee's Fleischman Hour, on Columbus Day 1933 (after which Vallee referred to himself as ber "Columbus"). Engaged to make weekly appearances on the Paul Whiteman show,

the attention of the Metropolwith them on 24 January 1935 in the world premiere of Horatio Seymour's one-act opera In the Pasha's Garden. Starring the great baritone Lawrence Tibbett as a stern pasha who buries his wife's lover alive in a trunk (in which he had been hiding).

it was a weak piece, but Jepson was acclaimed for her beauty, voice and charm. Violetta, Louise, Nedda, Mélisande and Desdemona were among roles that followed, while she continued to get regular bookings on the radio on The Bell Telephone Hour, Your Hit Parade and other shows.

On 10 October 1935 Porgy and Bess, the superb folk-opera by George and Ira Gershwin and DuBose Heyward, had its premiere in New York, and just four days later Jepson and Tibbett started recording its songs for Victor Records with the orchestra and chorus of the stage production. It was well known originally hoped that Tibbett might create the role of Porgy and the composer supervised the recordings, which have frequently been reissued and still impress. (The original leads. Todd Duncan and Anne Brown, eventually recorded their roles in 1940 for Decca.)

Jepson made few other

Desdemona on disc in an abridged 12-part version of Verdi's Otello (with Giovanni Martinelli as the Moor and Tibbett as lago) in 1939. Two years carlier, Sam

Gnldwyn, planning a film extravaganza called The Goldwyn Follies (to rival on screen the stage revues of Ziegfeld), cast Jepson as one of the stars. The resultant melange of comedy acts, opera, ballet jazz and popular music, linked by the wisp of a story, was an indigestible hodge-podge but there were some compensations, including luscious colour, songs by the Gershwins, and the singing "The Brindisi" from Verdi's La Traviata (with Charles Kullmann), Enrico Toselli's "La Serenata", a chorus of the Gershwins' "Love Walked In" (with Kenny Baker) and, hest of all, a soaring "Sempre Libre" which winningly

displayed her fine coloratura. Paramount announced that

recordings, though she put her it would be signing Jepson to a contract for a string of filmed operettas, but, perhaps because other opera stars (including Tibbett) had failed to prove bux-office draws, the plan fell through.

Divorced in the early Forties and remarried (to Walter Dellera). Jepson continued to headline at the Met while doing concerts and broadcasts until a throat ailment forced ber retirement in 1947. She became a voice teacher (one of ber pupils was the future stage and television star Edie Adams). then returned to college in New Jersey to study speech therapy for handicapped chilin her local Cerebral Palsy Rehabilitation Centre.

She continued to attend the opera regularly and was usually a guest attraction at the Met's special events, where she was always given an ovation befitting of one of the house's great sopranos.

- Tam Vallance

#### **Professor Roger Hardisty**

Roger Michael Hardisty, matologist: born London 19 September 1922; Professor of Haematology, Institute of Child Health, London 1969-87; Emeritus Professor, Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine 1987-97; married 1947 lytte jarnum (one son. one daughter); died London 18 September 1997.

When Roger Hardisty was appointed to Great Ormond Street Hospital in 1958 the death rate from childhood leukaemia was [titl per cent. By the time he retired, up to 70 per cent of afflicted children were surviving apparently cured.

This major advance was also due, certainly, to work in other centres, both national and international, but, as the first specialist to be solely concerned with paediatric haema-

role was pivoral. His other area of research, into how the blood clots, was fundamental and equally productive, with the new knowledge applied to running a world-famous treatment centre for haemophilia and other clotting disorders. Apart from his National

Service in the Army, Hardisty's early medical life was centred on St Thomas's Hospital. Like most London teaching hospitals then, this had its stuffy establishment consultants who saw their only responsibility as patient care at the hospital and in Harley Street. But, unlike many medical schools. St Thomas's had a large body of exceptionally gifted academic doctors committed to research and reaching as well. In the heady intellectual atmosphere of the post-war period the output of new and important results was

tology in Britain, Hardisty's unique for a British undergraduate hospital. Unusually, morcover, the research was beavily based on the laboratory and, even more unusually, at St Thomas's such doctors were not second-class ancillaries but clinicians expected to see patients in the wards.

Appointed to Great Ormond Street after a short period at Cardiff, Hardisty brought this unique approach with him. Once established, strong individual departments were given formal academic status, so that in 1969 Hardisty became the first professor of paediatric haematology in Britain.

The hospital was a referral centre not only for Britain but also for abroad, and the treatment of leukaemia was a significant problem. Research was indicating that remissions could sometimes be obtained using drugs such as steroids and the

"antimetabolites". Nevertheless, after a few weeks or months the leukaemia invariably relapsed, and, though occasionally a second remission might be obtained, inevitably it returned and the child died. In the early 1960s the sug-

gestion arose that giving the

drugs together or in succession might produce longer remissions - and that carefully controlled schedules in expert centres might eventually produce cures. In retrospect such trials sound straightforward; at the time they were anything but easy. The toxic effects of the drugs added to the miseries of the disease, and even when the leukaemia had been absent for some months it might suddenly return, say, as a lump in the testicle or ovary, or as leukaemia meningitis (which Roger Hardisty was the first to identify).

These recurrences de-

radiotherapy, but some consultants refused to allow their patients to have such major procedures. Given the then inevitable lethal outcome of leukaemia, treatment might be worse than the disease; humane terminal care was thought to be paramount.

Similarly, in the beroic surgery starting around that time, particularly organ transplantation, the results were dismaying. Many now speak of the surgeons who persisted to success as having the "courage to fail". No less courage was shown by those harmatologists who persisted in treating childbood and other leukaemias. Among these, Hardisty (as humane as anybody, giving his home telephone number to worried parents) was the foremost in Britain.

Showing that the rarer

manded surgical operation or forms of childhood leukaemia behave differently from the commoner "lymphoblastic" variety, as secretary and then chairman of the Medical Research Council's working party on leukaemia in childhood be was rewarded when a trial disclosed that no fewer than 70 per cent of children with the latter had survived. Another reward was a secretly organised tea party for his retirement, in the boardroom of Great Ormond Street, attended by his many survivors from leukaemia.

Roger Hardisty was an exceptionally modest man (figuring in neither Who's Who nor the Honours List, though the French government made him a Chevalier de l'Ordre Nationale du Mérite). He shunned merely adding his name to research papers, but delighted in transmuting those written by colleagues into pellucid prose.

books, Bleeding Disorders: investigation and management (1965) and Blood and its Disorders (1974), he was an oursranding editor of the British Journal of Haematology, and alone among the contributions 10 one multi-author textbook his required no alterations at all. Apart from photography (at

The co-author of two notable

which he excelled) his outside interests were mainly intellectual (as belitted somebody who could give medical seminars in French or Danish). These whether reading, tistening to music, or going to the theatre - were reflected in his Hampstead home, where he and his Danish wife, Jytte, created a relaxed and cosy mixture of books, pictures, and antique and modern furniture.

Nor was the company at the frequent dinner parties exclusively medical: the conversation



Hardisty: modest

over the food and carefully chosen wine would be livened by an economist, a music critic, or a botanist. And if, during his final illness with stomach cancer, he had been asked to look on the bright side. he would probably have remarked wryly that at least he wouldn't have to experience the full awfulness of Jnhn Bin's future BBC.

- Stephen Lock

#### DEATHS

TURPIE: Remeth Victor (Ken), aged 55. After a long illness bravely home. Ken died at home on 22 September, with Kate beside him. A much-loved to the beside him. A much-loved with Kate beside him. A much-loved hasbend, son, brother, uncle and friend, he will be sally missed. The luneral will be held at Dean Row Chapel, Adlington Road. Wilmslow, on 29 September at 11-30am, lolkwed by commutal at Maceleafield Crematorium at 12-30pm. Family thorers only, but donations may be made in Ken's memory to Macmulan Nurses Cancer Care, eo and enquiries to George Hall & Son, 30 Derb, Range, Stockport SK3 4AB, telephone Uto1-432-2151.

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of Goldsmiths' College, London,
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Howard Walter Florey, Baron Florey, pathologist, 1898; Konstantin Chernenko, Soviet leader, 1911. Deaths: Pepin III (the Short), King of the Franks, 768; Phillipus Aureohis Paracelsus (Theophrastus Bom-bastus von Hobenheim), physician, 1541; John Keyse Sharwin, engraver and painter, 1790; Henry, first Vis-count Hardinge of Lahore, Gover-nor General of India, 1856; Melanie Riein (Reizes), child psychoannlyst, 1960; Matyas Selber, composer, 1960; Dame Isobel Baillie, singer, 1983. On this day: the St Leger borse race was run for the first time, 1776; Sir James Brooke was appointed Rajah of Sarawak, 1841; a Papai Bull was issued, establishing a Roman Catholic hierarchy in England, 1850; Hemi Giffard flew from Paris to Trappe in the first dirigible balloon, 1852; the first provincial daily newspaper in England was founded in Liv-erpool, the Northern Daily Times, 1855; Marks and Spencer opened

their Grst "Penny Bazaar" at Cheetham, Manchester, 1894; the Phoenix Theatre, London, opened. 1930; the first Cinemascope film, The Robe, had its world première in Hollywood, 1953; the USS Enterprise. the first nuclear-powered aircraft car-rier, was launched at Newport, Vir-ginia, 1960. Today is the Feast Day of St Gerard Sagredo of Csanad, St Geremanus or Germer, St Pacificus of Stanatus or Germer, St Pacificus of San Severino and St Robert Flower of Knaresborough.

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#### Luncheons Arts Council of England

Lord Gowrie, Chairman of the Arts Council of England, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at the headquarters of the Arts Council, London SW1. Among those present were:

Mr Ian Rickson: Mr Brian Attwood, Mr Nik Powell: Mr Richard Holmes, Ms Jane Fer-guson, Mr Gerald Kaufman MP: Mr Alain Briton. Briton: Mr Jeremy Franct: Mr Gayin Hen-derson: Mr Bush Hartshorn: Professor Deband Stricture.

#### The Pilgrims

Lord Carrington, President, The Pil-grims, and Mr Robert M. Worcester. Chairman, presided over the 1997 Annual General Meeting held yesterday at the American Embassy, London W1. Sir Christopher Bland, Chairman of the BBC, gave the annual Sir Harry Brittain Memorial Lecture afterwards

#### ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS .

# ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS The Duke and The Duthess of Gloscesses visit Amble. Northumberland: visit the Marina at Braid, Northumberland: visit the Marina at Braid, Northumberland: visit Holy Island Castle; and visit Bamburgi. Castle and the Orace Darling Museum Bemburgh. Northumberland. The Duke of Bemburgh. Northumberland. The Duke of Kent. Prevident, Royal National Lifebre Institution, attends a lifebreat-maning certemory, Hull Marina, Kingston-upon-Hull and, as Patron, the Lundon Philharmonic, attends a performance of Beethoven Ninth Symphony by the London Philharmonic Choir, Royal Frestival Hall London SEI. Princeas Alexanders visit the Integral Cancer Research Found Shop Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk; visits the Wismen's Royal Voluntary Service De Centre, Bury St. Edmunds; siste M. E. Centre, Bury St. Edmunds; siste M. E. Centre, Bury St. Edmunds; visits M. E. Centre, Bury St. Edmunds; visits M. E. Centre, Bury St. Edmunds; visits M. E. Centre, Bury St. Edmunds; and B. Patron, Mah Anniversar, View of the London Philharmon Orchestra and Choir at the Royal Festival Hall, London SEI. Changing of the Guard

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# One member, one vote: your party depends on it, Mr Hague



EDITOR: ANDREW MARK DEPUTY EDITOR: COLIN HUGHES.

The spirit of the age loves to vote. Refcrenda have caught on. For all the gloomy talk about the low turn-out last week in Wales and poor participation in, say, local elections, amazing numbers of people are prepared to stir themselves, wheo confrooted with a sharp enough question or compelling enough issue. And there are going to be plenty of those m years to come. Europe among them. Meanwhile you don't bave to be a Hegelian historicist to link closely together the progress of democracy and the processes of modernisation and markedsation which bring with them material prosperity - which is one reason all eyes will remain on China during the decades to come. You could discount 90 per cent of the hype surrounding the Internet and still be left with a compelling sense that new technology favours rather than retards the business of collective decision-making and free participation by people in their

But working democracy is about the dispersal and the sharing of power -- and that is perhaps the reason why, within days of his first appearance as leader of the Conservative Party at its annual conference, William Hague is hesitating about the democratisation of his party. Mr Hague's fate as party leader may not sound a compelling interest - we argued only the other day that the Tories still need a bloody battle before they can become a fit Opposition, let alooe a credible alternative to Blairite Labour. Yet Conservatism remains a formidable political force in Britain and the shape and qualioes of its party willy nilly speak about Britain at large. In our pluralist democracy, contest between more or less equal contenders is always far better than the lopsided dominance of one party, however ably led, over the

The Tory party is being asked to approve Mr Hague and a set of nostrums about itself; the results of this inquiry will

be announced in a fortnight at the party shindig. With this mandate, the Tory leader will then devise new arrangements for electing the leader. These will, inevitably, involve on the one hand Tory MPs (and peers?) and on the other the mass membership (though at present "mass" is a bit of an exaggeratioo). Indications are that individual members may get a weighted vote of only one-fifth in the "electoral college". This would virtually be a recipe for no change. Constituencies would be relegated to a walk-on, consultative role. The oligarchs would role OK.

There is no point pretending reform is just a matter of arithmetic. In the make-

always worn the chairman's blazer. But the legacy of the hlazers and the baronets is

There has lately been loose talk com-

plete. The Tories have their issues, nombly Europe. Mr Hague will have soon to push through a durable policy oo the single currency and the European Union which might drive out assorted Euro-sceptics a result he might relisb. Despite that, Mr Hague's task is in many way casier than that faced by the Labour leadership in the

Having begun by asking iodividual party members to approve his project, it ought to be simple for Mr Hague to build their role into the party structure, giving them at least half of the votes in any future leadership contest and possibly also a new role in approving policy. He has a hridge to cross. One member, one vote will - for a while - enfranchise Colunel Blimp and his elderly relatives. But, provided Mr Hague survives, that open franchise will be a pre-conditioo of the Tories' attracting newer and younger members. And that would be good for British democracy at

Welsh referendum

Sir: Your editorial ("The voic-

es of Wales call for Blair the de-

mocrat to think agaio", 20

September) expressed concern

over the validity of the result of

the Welsh referendum. You

argued that ooe in four Welsh

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on the Welsh electorate was of-

fered the chance to vote. Had

the 49 per cent of non-voters

been against the assembly they

would have expressed that view

by voting "No". Although it is

disappointing that so many

failed to vote, it clearly shows

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idents did not disapprove of the

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Davies, the Secretary of State for

Wales, has already said that this will be an important task for the

assembly. Despite the small ma-

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Wales "down the middle" (re-

erendum shows is that Wales was

already split. For a multiplicity

of reasons - ranging from the

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the border lands and the coastal

plains, to the industrialisation of

the southern valleys and the

sheer difficulty of communica-

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divided between the Welsh-

speaking west and north and the

What is remarkable is that,

in a country which has been un-

der English control for seven

centuries, so many still have the

vision and enough sense of

Welshness to vote for an as-

sembly. This assembly will give

to Wales for the first time a fo-

rum for representatives from all

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ideas and work together to

bring greater harmony, confi-

dence and prosperity to all the

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Wells, Somerset

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up of the Tory Party, deference and obeisance to authority still bulk large. For all Mrs Thatcher's alleged introduction into the party of the estate agent tendency, for all the parliamentary bolshiness of the Major years, it is a deep Tory instinct to follow leaders who have got where they are because "people like them" have

a geriatric party. Its local arms are withering. It can barely muster candidates. Mr Hague must know that neither the Tory philosophers of Peterhouse nor the fanged commentators of the erstwhile Tory press are much help to him in working out what to do next. The party needs rejuvenating and an essential element in that business is extending its franchises, bringing members in, giving them a role by giving them

paring Mr Hague's task with that faced and met - by Neil Kinnock, John Smith and Tony Blair. The fact is that the Tories. though they have a lot of junking of redundant policies to do, do not confront anything as momentous as giving the quietus to Clause Four socialism. Nor do the Tories have restructuring on the scale of Labour's break with organised labour, a sundering which is of course not yet com-

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#### **LETTERS**



programs that rely oo just two Mr Redwood is correct oo digits for the year. one point - action must be taken now to ensure all computer

For most large systems, this is an application software problem. The computers themselves will bandle the date change -it's just the programs that will fail; potential financial loss if you run a business, potentially life-threatening in a hospital or

air traffic control.

For smaller computers, such as PCs, the position is uncertain. Professor Milton may believe his computer has four digits in the date, but he would be wise to see if be can set the date to 1/1/2000. If that works, he should try setting the date to 31/12/1999 23:59 and let it tick

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R-cube Systems Ltd. Bath

Human rights paper

Sir: Donald MacIntyre is right to suggest that the forthcoming White Paper on incorporating the European Convention on Human Rights into UK law raises constitutional questions ("Can we trust the judges to make our laws?", 19 Septemher). We, as human rights NGOs and institutes, feel the courts must be provided with adequate remedies for breaches of the convention. We consider that there are three minimum requirements of in-

corporation. First, courts must be able to interpret existing law in line with the convention and to "read in" convention rights. If this is not possible, the usual role of the implied repeal of an existing statute by a later statute must apply and the rights in the convention must be given preference over the old law. Should

different view from the courts on the appropriate balance between conflicting rights, or between individual rights and the "common good", it could of course amend the law, if necessary, re-establishing it as it was before.

Second, it is likely that gov-

ernment proposals will not allow statutes passed after the convention has been incorporated to be overturned by the courts. In this case, judges must first be required to interpret all Acts in line with the convention to the extent that they can do so. Where this proves impossible, the courts must have the power to make a declaration to that effect - that primary legislation is, in their view, in breach of the convention. Together with new and effective scrutiny mechanisms in Whitehall and Parliament this should ensure that new legislation is subject to thorough hu-Parliament then take a man rights review.

Third, following such judicial declarations, a mechanism must be found to give priority to amending the offeoding legislation. If the Government fails to act, or disagrees with the court's ruling, the case can of course be taken to the Strasbourg court for judgment, and there will have to be consideration of the appropriate com-

pensation or other remedies if

violation is found. Finally, under any model of incorporation the establishment of a Human Rights Commission is crucial. FRANCESCA KLUG, Human Rights Incorporation Project NIK NICOL, the Public Law

ANNE OWERS, Justice ANDREW PUDDEPHATT, SARAH SPENCER, the Institute for Public Policy Research JOHN WADHAM, Liberty London SE1

#### Anti-malarial drug:

Sir: Further to your article "Anti malarial drug that gave minister sleepless nights" (19 September), I would strongly endorse the warnings it contains. In May, on a working boliday in Malawi, where more dangerous strains of the disease are on the increase again, I suffered exactly the same effects from Lariam. Disturbed sleep patterus were

followed by violent dreams. Because of the alteration in malaria incidence, many longstav expatriates have given up taking any medication, and malarial bouts are therefore frequent - and the cycle of transmission gets worse. Many told me that it was very dangerous for back-packers on their own to use Lariam. The onset of depression in a strange exotic country far from home could lead to suicidal tendencies. Canon G H SMITH

Kidderminster, Worcestershire

#### Hackney schools

Sir: I must give an alternative viewpoint to that expressed by Gabriel Thompson ("Confessions of a disillusioned parent", 19 September) in which be explains why be feels justified in taking his step-daughoon in such a mountainous terters out of a state school in

Hackney.
My children attend William Patten School, in the heart of 'anglicised south and east. Hackney, and I have nothing but praise both for the school and for the bead. It must be hard work when some 50 per cent of the children do not have English as a first language but still the children are encouraged and extended.

Of course, the local education authority may be in need of some changes but please do not lay the blame at the schools themselves. They are doing the best they can. .. P.D TAPPER London N16

oldest nice man," says Michael Palin.

"Ob yes you do," says the BBC, "now off you go again." "Oh, OK," says Micbael Palin.

This is the book of what happened next.

predisposes us to buy such books, but oot, A Portrait of John Major by Norman

Lamont (Nostalgia Press, £3.99) Hard on the heels of John Major's disappearance from the scene comes this book about him -- but all the pages are completely blank. Is this a printer's error? A joke? A post-modernist kind of biography? A rather nice blank jotting pad? Hard to tell. Others in this series include A Portrait of William Hague, A Portrait of John Redwood. A Portrait of Stephen Dorrell, etc.

The Moon River Café Cookbook (The River Café Recycling Press, £15.99) A mouthwatering selection of southern Italian recipes taken from well-known song

#### Fry's Oscar, Mailer's Jesus, the Lazy River Café, and other future best-sellers ordinary rugby player who is quietly mindsome of us bave a gene which predisposes

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The cootenders for the Christmas bookseller list are already edging their way into the bookshops, and as a service to readers I am bringing you a first selection of the hottest new candidates on the bookshelves.

Oscar and I by Stephen Fry (Solipsism Press, £19.99)

Oscar Wilde was in the middle of the most successful run of his life when suddenly he went missing for a couple of years. Where bad he gooe? Well, Reading Gaol, as it turns out. Stephen Fry is well equipped to understand Wilde's prison experience. as be, too, went to public school, and be now tells the story of himself and Oscar Wilde - or is it a very clever novel about something else entirely different? Hard to tell, but fun to try.

Jesus's high-flying years when he was The Pontypridd Unarmed Combat Book (Welsh RFU Paperback, £5,99) A useful guide to self-defence for the grace when be came up against new

ing his own business when he is suddenly set upoo by someone whose face he has just stamped on. Video replays of many rugby flare-ups show that although many rugby forwards know how to swing a punch, they haveo't the faintest idea bow

over. This book tells you how. The Old Man River Cafe Cookbook (The River Café Recycling Press, £15.99)

> A mouth-watering selection of regional Italian dishes from the US's deep South. Jesus Christ: The Glory Years by Norman Mailer (Ratchet and Lever, £19.99) This is Norman Mailer's mocbacclaimed life of Jesus, told in terms of a beavyweight boxing career, looking at

Roman regulations which he simply couldn's come to terms with.

"I have always believed that a man's got do wbat a man's gotta do," growls Mailer, "so I also believe that the Soo of Man's gotta do what the Son of Man's gotta do. That's what the book's about. Read it if vou don't believe me, wise guy."

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от епетду. The Pre-Shrunk Gene by Richard Dorking (Airport Philosophy Press, £29.99)

Richard Dorking, acclaimed author of The Blind Piano Tuner, The Drunken Car Mechanic, Knock Three Times if You're God and No, I'm Sorry, You're Confusing Me With Stephen Hawking - He's Someone Else bas now come up with the amazing theory that

The Man Who Thought Princess Diana was a Saint by Oliver Sax (Humdrum Books, £29.99) A man walked into Oliver Sax's office

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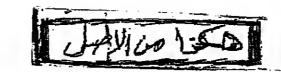
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one day convinced that Princess Diana was a saint. What was odd about this was that he was the 35,000th person be had met that day who believed it. The more Oliver Sax studied the case, the more be came to believe that there was a best-selling book in there somewhere. This is it.

Walking Round The World Backwards by Michael Palin (BBC Xmas Books, £25.99) "I don't want to be known as the world's



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#### When politics takes its orders from commerce



#### HAMISH ' **MCRAE** ON WORLD MARKETS AND HARD TRUTHS

A few years back, when the Sunday Times wrote something disagreeable about Mahathir bin Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia, the owner of the newspaper, Rupert Murdoch, rushed to downplay any crincism, and the editor swiftly found himself moved to another job. Now, when Dr Mahathir attacks the activities of the financier George Soros for speculating against South-east Asian currencies, and says that currency traders should be shot, Mr Soros replies in kind, calling him "a meoace to his own country" and "a loose cannon" who should not be taken seriously. .

You could, I suppose, simply conclude that the pen is less mighty than the wallet; or maybe just that Mr Soros bas an elan which Mr Murdoch lacks.

There is certainly some irony in the whole spat, for Malaysia stood alongside Mr Soros at the forefront of the speculation against sterling when the pound was ejected from the ERM back in 1992,

But, of course, there is also a serious story here; a story that tells us about the way power is devolving in the world, and the way in which politicians can respond to that shift, shaping it to help them achieve their

It is now widely accepted that national governments are less important than they used to be - that power is devolving upwards to bodies such as the EU, multinational corporations and the financial markets, and downwards to regional interests and a new class of mobile, articulate, rich individuals. But only a few politicians fully grasp the fact that they have to behave differently in response to this. They still have power, but much of that power is exerted by gearing up their own limited authority, attaching it to other points of power and thereby magnifying it. It is the power of the persuader, not of the bully. At one extreme, Tony Blair completely understands this; at the other, Dr Mahathir does not.

The driving, dominating, crushing power of the world's financial markets incvitably inspires the view that they are in some way a threat to democracy. Who is running the show? The ordinary people of a given country? Or the speculators in far-off financial centres? So it is very easy to demonise international speculators.

You can even catch an element of hostility towards the City of London - that it has somehow been undermining British industry - here in Britain. If it is possible to demonise your own people on your own doorstep, how much easier it is when they are fureigners thousands of miles away.

Still, Dr Matathir's intemperance came as a surprise, and not just to Mr Soros. It came as a surprise because Malaysia had become something of a darling among international investors. It was growing very fast. It seemed to be politically stable. It had a "can do" spirit in the government, which was not only backing enormous investment pro-

jects, such as the world's tallest huildings, a new airport and a gigantic dam, but also did not seem to be too bothered with any opposition to its ambition. People in the world markets thought they had a government that understood the rules of the capitalist game.

Clearly, they were wrong. In fact the Malaysian government thought that the markets wanted the orders associated with these large projects, and not much else. Actually, the markets want secure and sustainable economic growth that will bring a good return on investments. Mataysia thought that the new world of global capitalism was the world of Mr Murdoch, when in fact it was more the world of Mr Soros.

Business and finance are crucially different. Of course, there is an element of the commercial world that cuddles up to politicians to gain access to markets, a contract for a dam or a licence to drill for oil. But people in the financial markets are in general much more antiseptic in their appraisal. They want the ability to get their money in, bot more especially the ability to get their money out. Hedging against currency and interest rates risks are absolutely essential to their calculations.

So when politicians talk about capital controls, or fulminate against international currency movements, investors are liable to rush for the door. The wisest of those international investors (sadly, by no means all) do also concern themselves with issues such as the environmental implications of projects, and the level of corruption in the government, But the one mantra to which they all subscribe - whether wise or foolish. sophisticated or thick - is freedom of capital movement. So the recent response of the Malaysian government to a regional economic crisis has been pretty much a classic case of how not to manage a government's relationship with the new barony of power.

That is the negative message: how not to do it. What about the positive one: what should politicians do to gear up their own authority?

We are seeing that evolve here in Britain. The first rule is to deliver competence; competent macroeconomic management, but also competent management of public services, fine-tuning them so that scarce taxpayer money is used to best effect.

But new politics has to go far beyond that, Politicians cannot command and control; at least, they can command and control only their own people, not the rest of us. Instead politicians will have to behave like entrepreneurs, taking ideas and selling them to other people who can help them make them.

One of the really fascinating features of this government is the way in which a string of people from the business community have become involved with government projects. Take the Millennium Dome: it is not being funded directly by government, for most of the money will come from the lottery, entry fees and sponsorship. Yet Peter Mandelson is personally orchestrating the commercial and artistic talent that is needed if the thing is to be a success.

In a few years' time this row over the role of speculators will seem terribly oldfashioned. Governments the world over will have come to live with the fact that there is a global capital market and that it is not very difficult to accept the rules of that game just as they are gradually learning that they have to accept the rules of democracy. But to push ahead, to be really effective, they will have learn to deploy a new set of skills, including charm. I have met Mr Soros only once, but he seemed to me to be the sort of chap who took himself rather seriously. My tip for Dr Mahathir is this. Try flattery; it is more likely to be effective than saying that currency speculators ought to be shot.



BBC bosses are reputedly unhappy about paying David Jason £250,000 an episode for his latest series, while Jennifer Aniston thinks her salary is 'Insane'. But is that what they're worth?

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## We are all equal ... in fooling ourselves that we believe in equality



MARR THE RULING **HYPOCRISY** 

One of the ways any society is judged and remembered is how it deals with its ruling hypocrisy. We think of Victorian repression and prostitution; or of the co-existence of Enlightenment rhetoric and slavery in 19th-century America; or the fear and brutalisation brought by Marxist governments preaching freedom. All societies have some key hypocrisies. Generally they become taboo subjects, beyond polite discussion. And ours?

Our hypocrisy is gentler, as befits gentler times, but it is no less interesting. It is equality. If there is one unchallengeable common British belief, it is in one-person, one-vote democracy. Behind that lies a strong public assumption that people are equal, not simply before the law, but in value. We have not only a democracy, but a ferociously democratic culture. In that, we have become like America.

Where did this come from? From Christianity, with its "equal before God", and from the Enlightenment, and from the efforts of successive waves of liberal, feminist and socialist reformers asking questions about great inequalities. But perhaps the key event in spreading "we are all of equal

value" was the Holocaust: for a few short, terrible years, the whole world looked down into the pit of what happens when avowedly unequalist policies are enforced. And most of the world flinched back.

So racism became steadily less popular. The post-war victors identified themselves as democracies, first and foremost, and developed mass cultures based on the "little guy" as hero, Traditional class structures, from the American Deep South to the Home Counties, hegan to crumble. Homophobia crept slowly after racism into the closet. Chat-show sermonising rammed home the unchallengeable lesson; we-areall-of-equal-value. To deny it is like proclaiming your atheism in medieval Spain.

And yet, clearly, we don't really believe it. We use salary and capital to value people and we value them at staggeringly different levels. Everywhere, it seems, the gap between the starry tops and the rest is growing.

. Paul Johnson of the Institute for Fiscal Studies, which produced a report on inequality during the summer, pointed out that 10 per cent of the populatioo now has as much income as the poorer 50 per cent of households. "The increase in inequality is probably the higgest social change that we have experienced in the past 20 years," he said. And, Johnson added, it is here to stay.

A Labour Party which was once firmly egalitarian in its creed rules a Britain that is profoundly unequal and growing more so - and Labour neither can nor wants to do anything about it.

Ministers defend the big fees paid to the top people who advise the Government on everything from the millennium to poverty. They explain just why top doctors command re-

ally big salaries. (Answer: many of their clever friends are richer still.) They get into a mess about their own salaries. But the one-time would-be redistributors of wealth have become

advocates for inequality. And it is hard to imagine them being anything else, frankly, because inequality has become so popular. For many soccer fans, the fat fee paid to the latest Italian transfer recruit is a source of immense local pride. The enormous sums carned by Noel Edmonds or Esther Rantzen haven't dented their popularity. Hardly anyone mourning Diana seemed bothered by the raising up of a very rich and aristocratic woman. We know as she knew that money can't buy you love. In a particularly piquant re-

cent example, the BBC's John Birt let it be known this week that he was worried by the Hollywood fees being demanded by some hig-name television stars. He would resist "massive cost inflation of talent as a matter of public policy".

A piquancy derived from the fact that so many of the top earners are top earners because of their ability to act out our "little guy", egalitarian fantasies. David Jason is an obvious example. Peter Sissons. with his friendly, slightly hattered countenance, feels like a reliable, ordinary bloke; which is why the BBC paid £600,000 to win him over from ITN.

Inevitably, the ironies are even more garish in American television, where Roseanne Barr, playing herself as working-class slob-heroine, is said to earn up to £10m a year. Jennifer Aniston, who plays your girl-next-door flatmate in Friends, thinks her salary is "insane". So a popular culture that idealises ordinariness produces extraordinary fortunes for those who mimic ordinariness.

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political myth of a society of free equals, as it sucked in Western immigrants and thrust them West to survive ur die. And Marxist regimes would have crumbled immediately without the propagandistic promise of a better tomorrow. and history on your side.

In our case, with a boom market in particular skills and professions, and a growing underclass, the assertions that "this is a democracy, after all". and "we are worth the same" seem increasingly threadbare. . We don't believe in equality

But perhaps it is important that we still believe we believe . in equality. In the end, ours is .. a poignant and optimistic hypocrisy, rather than a malign . one. It is a constant and humane protest at the huge disparities in wealth and opportunity which our economic system produces, along with general rising living standards. Without that residual human protest, our remaining political protections would fall away. Our necessary optimism - the optimism that provides our energy as a country - would fail.

But a Martian, or a Victorian, would call us hypocrites.

#### Who are you calling greedy? I'm a recovering food addict

#### FRANK **FUREDI** ON THE RISE IN ADDICTION

After David Duchovny told the world that he was seeking professional help to core his addiction to sex, watching The X Files has never been the same. Opinion around the digner table has divided, along lust lines, between those like my wife who wanted an introduction and cynics who put it down to competition with the "thinking man's pin-up" Gillian

Claims to addiction seem to become more ludierous by the day. Since the triumph of the counsetting revolution, addiction has become the fashionable way of describing an everexpanding variety of buman behaviour. So the meeting of the Addictions Forum in Durham this week will not only consider the old-tashioned

will also examine topics such as the pathology of scratch cards. Shopping addiction, chocoholism and soap opera fixation are already widely discussed in women's magazines. At this rate it can surely only be a matter of time before most of us have earned the addict label. Crave an occasional cream cake? Watch out, you're just one step away from pathological bingeing. The question that bangs in

the air is this: what does it mean to be "nddicted" to shopping, or chocolate, or sex. Are we not in danger of

addiction to what used to be called "bad habits". Indeed, almost every form of compulsive behaviour is described in these medical terms. People who compaisively

"sleep around" (or want to) used to be labelled promiscuous; oow they are "addicted to sex". Today, we use the language of disease and addiction to describe a common buman experience. The Americao Association on Sexual Addiction Problems estimates that between 10 and 15 per cent of all

addictions like alcoholism, but Americans - around 25 million people - are addicted to sex!

Many of the discussions about addiction use alcoholism as their reference point. It is indisputable that a proportion of heavy drinkers become dependent on alcohol, and that this is a "bad thing". Other more doubtful addictions can be condemned by association. One expert informs us that children who play a lot of computer games have a serious problem because they get the same euphoria as heavy drinkers. We are also advised that shopping addiction is a real disease which "can amount to a form applying the medical label of of illness on a par with compulsive gamhling and alcoholism". According to Kay Sbeppard, an American clinician and self-confessed "food addict in recovery", many food addicts come from alcobolic families. What would once have been seen as gluttony is oow "understood" as a dependence -a clinical condition to be treat-

ed with understanding. At a time when the victim has become the icoo of the Nineties, the tendency to blame buman problems oo sume addiction or other has become

irresistible. Every oew innovation brings fears of a new breed nf addicts. No sooner had the Lottery been launched than the experts were warning of a nation hooked on gambling. loevitably the Internet has

and even a suicide. And of course there is the obligatory self-help group - called Caught in the Net - to counsel those suffering from this addiction. We live in a world that encourages more and more



resulted in Internet Addiction Syndrome (IAD). When, two years ago, Dr Ivan Goldberg, a New York psycho-pharmacist, first identified IAD, it was treated as something of a joke. However, it has since been "confirmed" by other experts that Internet users are at risk from addiction. IAD has been hlamed for broken relationships, job tosses, financial ruin

people to think of themselves as addicted or ill. Since counsellors insist that you can never cure addiction, these are permanent conditions; there are no ex-junkies, only "addicts to recovery", living "one day at a time". Addiction has become at once a life sentence and a permanent excuse that can explain away our failings. By claiming the status of an addict, people

put themselves beyond reproach - the problem is not their fault. The compulsive shopper is not expected simply to show restraint and tearn to hudget. The chocobolic is oot expected to demonstrate willpower. And the sex addict is not expected to contain his lechery.

As signed-up members of the culture of victimhood, we are merely expected to acknowledge publicly our bad habits. We must all compete. tike guests on Oprah, to prove that we are the most put-upon and pathetic people in the house, the most deserving of counselling and compensation. It is not the new breed of addicts who are sick but a cutture that eocourages this celebration of irresponsibility.

Frank Furedi is a sociologist at the University of Kent in Canter-bury. His 'Culture of Fear; Risk Taking and the Morality of Low Expectations' has recently been published by Cassell

Part three of Matt Brace's 'Mississippi Journey' will appear in the Saturday Travel section

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# Business chiefs turn heat on Blair over sterling and EMU

Senior industrialists will today tell Tony Blair that business is being hurt by the strength of sterling and the lack of commitment to entering a single currency when they attend a working breakfast in Downing Street. In return, the Prime Minister will tell his guests that he wants to see more job swaps between business and Whitehall. Michael Horrison reports.

Jobs, investment and profits are all being undermined by the rise in the value of the pound, according to husinessmen invited to this morning's breakfast bricfing at Num-

ber 10. Among the 17 industrialists Britain. In addition, it is Britain's higgest attending are the chief executives of some car exporter and expects overseas sales of of Britain's largest inward investors who are also anxious to see the Government commit itself to economic and monetary union even if the pound does not join the first wave in 1999.

Others present will include the chairmen of several large firms that have issued profit warnings because of the strength of sterling. One of those attending, Dr Walter Hasselkus, the chairman and chief executive of the Rover car group, said it would have to review its purchasing arrangements and export plans if the pound remained at its current levels of DM2.87.

Rover, now owned by the German car maker BMW, spends £4hn a year on components of which 85 per cent is sourced in plant in the North-east. Mr Gehrels, one

the new small Land-Rover, the Freelander. to contribute £1hn to the balance of payments when full production is reached.

"At the end of the day we have a respousibility to make Rover a profitable business and the strength of the pound does not help that," said Dr Hasselkus. He added that if the Government were

to give a firm commitment to EMU then that might ease the situation by hringing sterling down to a more manageable and competitive exchange rate in the region of DM2.30 to DM2.40.

The meeting is also being attended by Jurgen Gehrels, chief executive of Siemens UK which is investing £1hn in a microchip

of the most prominent supporters or EMU, and has said that Siemens might not have taken the decision to invest so heavily had it known at the time that the UK might not join a single currency.

Among those attending from companies hit by sterling's strength are Sir Ronnie Hampel, chairman of ICI, which estimates the strong pound will knock £90m from profits this year, and Tony Greener, chairman of Guinness, which puts exchange rate losses at £60m this year and a further £60m in 1998.

Ian Gibson, chief executive of Nissan Motor Manufacturing, which will also see its profit recovery held in check this year by sterling, is another of the business chiefs attending. Nissan exports about 70 per cent

of the cars made at its Sunderland plant. Mr Blair will respond to the industri-

alists by telling them he wants more highflyers from husiness to swap between jobs in the Civil Service and industry. At present, job swaps only take place at Civil Service grade 5 and above, but Mr Blair wants to extend the arrangement to cover lowor grades and make the appointments for shorter periods. The meeting is the first in a series of working breakfasts. Other sessions are planned covering the retail seclor, the City and finance and small

In her first speech on manufacturing since taking office, Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, last night pledged to help revitalise Britain's manufacturing base by encouraging exports and supporting a campaign to benchmark UK companies against overseas competitors and providing a stable economic framework. But she gave no promises on exchange rates or EMU:

However, John Redwood, her Conservative shadow, attacked Mrs Beckett for failing Britain's exporters, saying the Department of Trade and Industry had a lamentable record on dealing with export licences and competition inquiries. He urged her to hurry up and make a decision on the P&O-Stena, ferry merger, about which Mrs Beckett held talks yesterday with the European Union Competition Commissioner, Karel Van Miert.

The talks also covered the British Airways-American Airlines alliance. A DTI spokesman said the meeting had been constructive" but would not say whether either deal was nearer to being cleared.

#### Rover rolls out a revamped image in corporate makeover

Rover yesterday unveiled its first corporate makeover for 10 years. Dr Walter Hasselkus, chairman, said the new logo and corporate image was designed to project Rover's Britishness, bentage, creativity and exploring spirit. He described the new corporate identity as "elegant, confident and sophisticated."

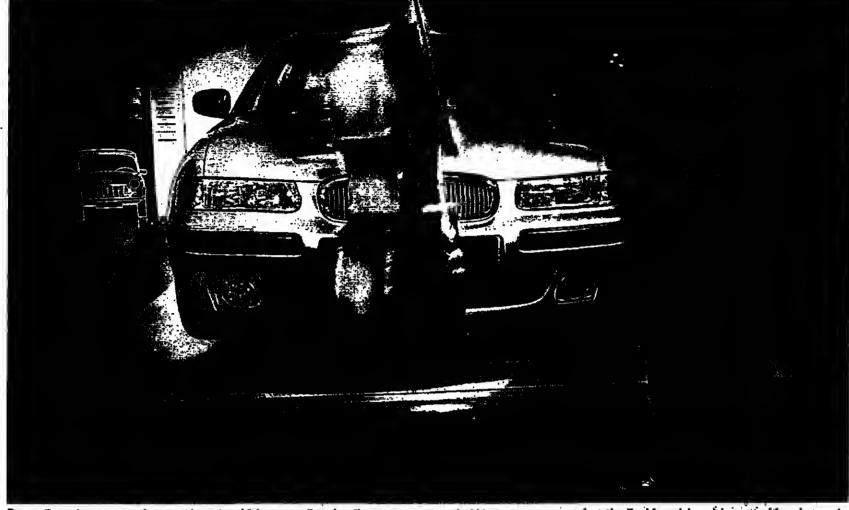
There had not been anything wrong with the old corporate identity, he said, except that after six changes of name in 20 years



Rover Group's new corporate logo, unveiled yesterday

- from Leyland Motors to BMC to British Leyland, lo BL, to Austin Rover and onto Rover, the company's image needed to be refined.

The four royal warrants that Rover uses will be replaced with just one and the individual marques -- Rover Cars, MG, Land-Rover and Mini will be projected separately from the corporate identity.



Rover Group's corporate image relaunch, which cost well under £1 m, was accompanied by an announcement at the Barbican (above) in central London yesterday that Rover is to sponsor the London Symphony Orchestra for three years in a deal worth £500,000 -- its largest ever arts sponsorship award

#### **Power companies** warn of chaos

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not want to be named, said the

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it's now inevitable that Battle

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Littlechild, the regulator, about

the seriousness of the problems.

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Some suppliers are under-

a six to nine-month delay."

Electricity companies yesterday raised new fears of consumer chaos when the power market is opened to domestic competition next year. But after his second meeting with heads of the companies, John Battle, the industry minister, insisted that competition could still begin on time. Chas Godsmark reports.

Mr Battle admitted there were problems with competition which needed to be soned out urgently, but he denied that the situation had deteriorated so far that the whole process should be delayed. It envisages phasing the start of domestic choice between April and September, with London Electricity, East Midlands Electricity and Southern Electric the last companies to open up their regions. "Every company has signed

MEPC to drop overseas assets and slash dividend

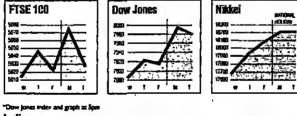
MEPC. Britain's third-largest property company, yesterday nnounced radical plans to dislose of all its overseas assets and ash the dividend in the wake roup will return to shareholdrs at least £300m of the £568m roceeds expected to be raised om the sale or flotation of its ustralian and US operations. minimum of 72p a share, leavg it entirely focused on the UK. Despite the news, in the idele of the group's £247m reed bid for property rival, 8.5p yesterday. Analysts said estion marks remain over e group's strategy.

tive, yesterday admitted that there had been a change of direction, but denied that he had bowed to market pressure. "Any decent business has a strategy f investor dissatisfaction over and a strategy which is capable he group's performance. The of being changed if circumstances warrant such a change."

MEPC, which has not raised the dividend for six years, said it would maintain this year's payment at 20p, cutting it to 12p in 1998 to enable it to rise over time.

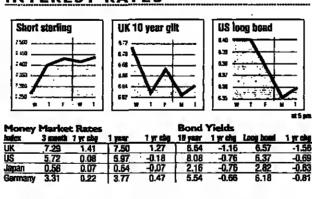
Goldman Sachs has been appointed to sell the US assets with Barclays de Zoete Wedd being taken on for the Aus-STT the shares rose just 4p to tralian deal. Though accounting for 50 per cent of MEPC's £3.4hn property portfolio, the two regions generate 48 per cent James Tuckey, chief execu- of the group's earnings.

#### STOCK MARKETS



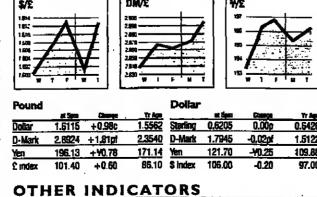
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#### Thomson lobbies to keep **Lunn Poly brand name**

Thomson, the UK's largest tour operator, has stepped up its campaign against proposals by the **Monopolies and Mergers** Commission to loosen ties between tour operators and travel agents. Andrew Yotes reveals that it has sent the MMC a survey showing that most independent travel agents are against plans to re-brand the group's Lunn Poly shops to Thomson.

Thomson is today launching another advertising campaign in the travel trade press in its effort to persuade the MMC to allow it to keep the Lunn Poly name for its chain of travel agents. The advertisements highlight the results of an independent survey of travel agents conducted by NOP on behalf of Thomson which shows that a large majority of agents believe that re-branding Lunn Poly would harm their own businesses. They fear that they would lose custom if the changes were forced through.

Some 92 per cent of agents fear that cusomers wanting to buy a Thomson holiday would most likely go to a travel agent called Thomson Holiday Shop; 71 per cent believe the re-naming of travel agencies will harm their businesses; and 61 per cent think the changes will lead to closures and redundancies among independent travel agents if the big tour operators chose to review of utility regulation. Oftel argued this sell their products exclusively through their own shops. Three-quarters of those surveyed believe creating Thomson Holiday Shops will have an overall negative effect on the travel industry. Most agents are also against the idea of calling the chain Lunn Poly Thomson Holiday Shops.

Thomson is looking to launch a national advertising campaign within the next few months to set out its case against the MMC proposals to its customers.

Thomson has also renewed its ferocious attack on the Association of Independent Tour Operators (Aito) which has lobbied the MMC to change the current links between travel agents and tour operators.

A spokesman for Thomson said: "Aito members predominantly sell directly to customers and don't use travel agents. They don't care what happens to travel agents and they would benefit directly from the reduction in holiday discounts for customers."

Aito denied the allegations. Paul Chandler, its chairman, said: "A monopoly is bad for the long-term interests of the consumer and something must be done about it. Re-branding travel agents is not a priority and we have presented a range of confidential proposals to the MMC ..."

#### Cruickshank to quit as Oftel chief

Don Cruickshank, the telephones regulator, yesterday surprised the industry by revealing that he did not want to continue in the job when his contract expires next spring. As Chris Godsmark, Business Correspondent, explains the announcement follows calls by Mr Cruickshank for a radical overall of the regulatory system, including replacing individual regulators with commissions.

<sup>9</sup>Mr Cruickshank had been expected to extend his outspoken reign at Oftel, the telecommunications watchdog, when his fiveyear contract finished at the end of March. But he announced that he had decided as early as last Christmas to look for a new job in the private sector and had told the new government the news on 8 May. "Five years was long enough for me," he said.

Insisting that money was not a factor in his decision, be admitted he would probably improve on his curreol pay package in a private sector post. Last year Mr Cruickshank earned £126,400. One option was a new job with a communications company.

shank denied sug any rift with Labour. "There's absolutely no falling out between me and the Government over matters of policy. This is me person-

ally taking a view of what I wanted to do." Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, said be had made a "major contribution to developing the regulatory regime" in a complex and fast-moving industry. The Department of Trade and Industry is considering his recent proposal to replace individual regulators with commissions in its would speed-up decision-making, by making regulators less isolated. But Mr Cruickshank has consistently refused to back suggested moves to merge Oftel with the Independent Television Commission to form a single com-

munications regulator. James Dodd, a telecoms analyst with Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, said the departure would put Labour's telecommunications policy under closer scrutmy. "It was generally perceived that BT was likely to be more at home under Labour. We'll bave to see whether his successor is any more accommodating to BT's domestic ambitions."

Mr Cruickshank joined Oftel after the turbulent nine-year tenure of Sir Bryan Carsberg. A former senior executive with the Pearson media empire, Mr Cruickshank was managing director of Richard Branson's Virgin empire between 1984 and 1989. He later had spells as head of Wandsworth Health Authority and of the Scottish National Heath

His time at Oftel saw continual skirmishes with BT as the domestic phone market opened to competition, culminating in last year's hitter battle over price controls which resulted in new powers for the regulator to ban anti-competitive behaviour.

#### Arnault tries fresh approach on Guinness drinks tie-up

Bernard Arnault's campaign to scupper the £23bn merger between Grand Metropolitan and Guinness took another twist yesterday. Mr Arnault, the head of the LVMH French luxury goods group, signalled he was willing to drop demands immediately to split up Pilisbury and Burger King, the food businesses of GrandMet, lo avoid potential

He is due to start lobbying institutional shareholders of the UK drinks groups within weeks to accept new proposals to creale a separate three-way spirits business including LVMH's spirits business, Moet Hennessy. GrandMet food businesses would then be demerged.

However, Guinness looks set to reject the new proposals which could lead to open warfare between the two sides.

Tony Greener, Guinness' chairman said: "We don't see why we should demerge businesses that have strong growth potential. Guinness Brewing is growing strongly." LVMH renewed claims that

the merger between the UK drinks groups would mean it could assume control of the series of international drinks joint ventures it runs with Guinness. Guinness said it was confident of winning the battle, though a decision from the French arbi-Guinness' brewing arm and the tration service would probably not be available until the middie of next year.



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### Battling it out over electricity competition

If they pulled the plug od electricity deregulation, would anyone care? Worse, would anyone notice? The grand scheme in open the domestic power market to competition next spring becomes more shambolic by the day. If anybody is in charge, they are not owning up to it. If anybody, other than the existing regional electricity companies and the two Scottish suppliers, is contemplating joining the competitive market, they are not making their interest known. If anybody can put hand on heart and say exactly how much the whole exercise will cost and how much it will mean off electricity hills, they have not yet

emerged into the light of day. John Battle, who rashly promised that the buck would stop with him and has been backpedalling fast ever since, says he is confident that the April deadline will be met and that there is no need for a delay. This looks like hopeful thinking almost in the point of naivety. Only four of the 14 suppliers, on present estimates, will be ready on time. Can't do it, won't do it, the RECs are saying.

The auditors to the Electricity Pool, Coopers & Lybrand, say we are heading for disaster (though with their other management consultancy hat on they say it will, surprise, surprise, all be a rip roaring success). The major energy users say it will be a shambles. Now the RECs are warning of Armageddon unless the project is delayed until the end of next year. In these circumstances the Government would be wise to delay until the spring of 1999. Nobody in their right minds would pull the switch on the higgest upheaval in the electricity

industry since privatisation when demand and output are at their seasonal high?

The RECs obviously have a vested interest in delaying the onset of competition as long as possible and hanging on to their cosy regional monopolies. On the other hand, there are so few new entrants so far declared that they will barely have to lift a finger to defend their territories when, and if, competition ever goes live.

Lord Simon, for one, must be looking askance at the whole sorry episode. One of the main reasons he was brought into the Government as minister for Europe and competitiveness was to help push through the liberalisation of continental energy markets. If we can't get our own house in order, what right do we have to preach to the rest of Europe?

#### Cruickshank's PR offensive

An open letter from Dun Cruickshank, director-general of telecommunications. to whom it may concern: "As some of you may have heard, I've decided to quit Oftel when my contract comes up for renewal next April, by which time I will have spent five gruelling years before the mast. I know it seems a hin of cheek to call a fully fledged press conference to announce this, but these things can easily be misinterpreted, and given that I'm going to be looking for jobs in both the private and public sector shortly, f don't want any of that. There's no row here, no snub from the new Gov-

ernment. I wouldn't even get that upset if ministers were to turn down my grand plan for subsuming most of the Independent Television Commission within my own regulatory empire (though they would be stupid to do so).

No. I'm going because I've done all I want to. Economic regulation of telecommunications will soon be a thing of the past and Oftel will become wholly a competition authority.

This is a considerable achievement in which, I would like to think, I played a not inconsiderable part. Regrets, I've had a few, but then again too few to mention. There's only been one failing since I've been here, and that was the Government's refusal to reverse the burden of proof on regulatory issues, so that British Telecom would have to demonstrate it was not behaving in an anti competitive way, rather than me having to show that it was before I could do anything. I thought this lot might have been a bit more sympathetic to my approach, but it doesn't seem they are. Instead they talk about forming a "partnership" with BT and other husiness monopolies. Silly really.

But honest, I haven't fallen out with them. I'm a Blairish type of bloke really and I'd really like to help him out if I could. Which brings me onto more important matters. Under the rules, Nolan or whatever, I'm not allowed actively to start looking for a jub until I've gone, and I'm not at all sure I can do anything connected with telecoms even after that. That's why I'm giving good notice of my departure - so that all you head hunters out there are aware that come next April I'm on the market.

Not that I can instruct you of course, but if you were to start looking for me, remotely as it were, I would find that most helpful. As would my fellow regulators. Stephen, at Offer, will definitely be on the market shortly. Clare and Ian, at Ofgas and Ofwat, will probably be moving on as well. We've fought our battles, served our time, and we'd all rather like a fresh challenge, you see. Offers in writing only please.

#### Why indices can distort the picture

Thanks to HSBC, even retail investors can now buy a derivative instrument which exactly mirrors the performance of the FTSE100. So much easier than buying the underlying stocks. But is the FTSE100 the type of index anyone would want to track? The quarterly reshuffle of the FTSE100 constituents on Monday, which saw three financial stocks enter the top flight while just one financial was pushed out, has continued a trend that has been reducing the apparent meaning of the index for some while now. Boosted by the summer's wave of demutualisations, the benchmark index has become as much a measure of the health of the financial, oils and pharmaceuticals sectors as the market as a whole.

That has led to some misleading distortions. Over the past year, the FTSE100 has risen by 28 per cent, giving rise to the superficial impression that we are experiencing a stock market boom. It hardly feels that way in the second and lower divisions,

where the FTSE250 index of companies with a hias in manufacturing and exports has risen by just 7 per cent and the Small

Cap has increased by only 5.5 per cent. It is little wonder that directors of smallor companies are buying shares in their own businesses at a faster rate than at any time since 1992, when sky high interest rates had depressed shares in silly levels. Despite the feeling that a crash is just around the corner, those closest to the action believe there is still plenty of value in the market.

Here are just a few of the distortions that exist in the FTSE100. Banks, which account for less than 10 per cent of national output, represent more than 20 per cent of the capitalisation of the FTSE100. Furthermore, half the earnings of the index's companies are made overseas. Factors such as domestic interest rates are becoming less and less relevant to its progress, and manufacturing is disappearing from view in

One way of dealing with the problem would be a return to a more subjective measure, such as the old unweighted FT30 basket of stocks, which was chosen with the express aim of giving a representative snapshot of the market as a whole. That would be a mistake.

For all its faults, the FTSE100 does represent a totally objective measure of the country's biggest stocks. It also represents around 70 per cent of the capitalisation of the market as a whole, which gives it a certain significance even if it does not tell the whole story. For that, investors will have to continue looking beyond the headlines in the full range of indices.



In optimistic mood: The Chancellor, Gordon Brown, speaking at the IMF meeting in Hong Kong yesterday

# Brown stresses need for public finance discipline

**Gordon Brown** yesterday said in an optimistic speech that the Government had taken the right steps to get the economy back on track for steady growth. But, writes Diane Coyle, Economics Editor, the this would depend on maintaining strict discipline on public

track next year."

But he said that breaking the cycle of boom and bust he had inherited required vigilance on both interest rates and govemment spending. There is no room for complacency regarding the public finances," he said. We will maintain strict discipline in public spending and 1 have insisted that, across the board, public sector pay settlements must be guided by firmness and fairness."

Mr Brown said the new framework for interest rates set independently by the Bank of England and the new long-term stability for the public finances would help deliver higher growth in the long run.

"What industry fears most nf all is a return to the stop-go instability of the past and the growth with low inflation."

need to reform the economy by modernising the welfare state.

He added that the Government had also inherited fundamental lnng-term challenges in education and welfare.

for the creation of jobs.

We must tackle obstacles to

dynamism," he told them, calling for a European agenda for structural reform. This will be the subject of a special employability conference in

Although the IMF recently rumours that the Government's approach to the European single currency was about in become more positive. Yesterday he merely reaffirmed the fact that it had started a debate about monetary union.

British Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, Eddie George. the Governor of the Bank of England, repeated his concerns about the risks of joining a single currency without gen-

He urged European heads of state, who must decide in refuse entry to any which had

#### inflation. "The upward revision to these figures confirms that ac-

yesterday after data showing the economy remained buoyant increased the threat of higher interest rates later in the year. Analysis took comfort from better-than-forecast personal savings figures and an unexpectedly resilient export sector, but they said an upward revision of second-quarter GDP figures meant the upward trend in base rates would soon resume.

The pound rose and shares fell

The economy grew by 3.5 per cent in the second quarter. new figures from the Office of National Statistics showed vesterday, a revision from the previous estimate of 3.4 per

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2.5 per cent analysts believe is sustainable without stoking

Prospect of higher base rates sends sterling soaring

tivity in the second quarter was very strong," HSBC economist Dharshini David said. "Bearing in mind the strength of other recent indicators, we still see base rates as not having reached their peak yet."

Interest rates have increased on four occasions since the election but expectations in the money markets are for a further quarter-point rise to 7.25 per cent. Many economists

cent and well above the 2.25 in believe rates will rise to 8 per cent before peaking. The currency markets saw

the data as a sign of tighter monetary policy to come and pushed the pound 2 pfennigs higher to DM2.89 in expectation of a better return on sterling. The prospect of higher rates knocked shares, however, with the FTSE 100 index of leading shares closing 48.2

points lower at 5027.5. There were further concerns the full impact of building society windfall payments had not yet shown through in the official statistics. Some spending - on holidays and R

registrations cars - might not show up until later in the year.

However, economists took heart from a rise in the personal savings ratio from 10.4 per cent of income to 11.7 per cent. During the late 1980s boom the same ratio was only half as much.

Another surprise was the relatively insignificant impact on exparting companies of the high pound. Although Britain's trade surplus declined in the second quarter from £1.35bn to £888m, the three month period was the third in a row that trade balance had been in the black.

-Tom Stevenson

Chancellor stressed that sector pay. Giving his first assessment of the British economy since July's Budget, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking in Hong

Koug at the IMF's annual meeting, said: "I am now more optimistic that we are on course to get the economy back on

hest prospect for industrial investment is to get the economy back on track to sustainable He also emphasised the

The tone of Mr Brown's assessment was notable for its contrast with his predecessor's speech at the same event last

gave the British economy a glowing report, the Chancellor said yesterday: "I will not disguise the problems that we inherited, in particular the strength of consumer demand and the threat of inflation."

Despite his cautious tone

about British prospects, Mr Brown took the opportunity to remind the other European ministers present that long-term flexibility and adaptability in the workplace was necessary

London next February. However, he firmly denied

Speaking separately to the

uine economic convergence. May 1998 which countries can join on 1 January 1999, to not met the requirements.

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# Short welcomes 'end of monetarism'

The speakers at the formal opening ceremonies of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund meeting all delivered the same message, Unexpectedly, it was that the most pressing challenge for the international community was the reduction of poverty and promotion of equality. Dione Coyle reports from Hong Kong.

"We do not need to look very far in find problems that stand in the way of nur objective, namely high-quality growth. By this, I mean growth that is sustainable, that results in a permanent reduction in poverty and greater equality of economic opportunity, and that is respectful of the environment and the rich diversity of na-

tional cultures and traditions." The speaker, addressing the world's finance ministers and central bankers yesterday, was Michel Camdessus, managing director of the IMF and not best known as a friend of the poor and downtrodden. His speech delighted, among

others, Clare Short, the Secretary of State for International development. Speaking to The Independent

in Hong Kong, she said: "There is an emerging new consensus that sees the interests of the international economy and the interest of reducing poverty as coinciding. It's the end of mon-Ms Short said Mr Cam-

dessus's statement indicated that the IMF would consider withholding loans to governments that were not using the money to reduce poverty and promote social goals like uniersal primary education.

wonderful. We've just got in do it now. I do think there's a real possibility of an era of very significant progress," she said. She added that Britain had enough of a position on the world stage to have an influ-

ence. "If we can make any dif-

imperatives into a well-func-

ference 1 think people in Britain will be proud of their country," Ms Short said. Mr Camdessus's views were

endorsed by James Wnifensohn, the president of the World Bank, and Robert Rubin, the US Treasury Secretary. as well as Gordon Brown, the "It was about putting those Chancellor of the Exchequer.



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# Southern to move into magazines

As big regional newspaper companies carve up the industry between them, smaller players such as the AIM-listed Southern Newspapers are finding opportunities for growth hard to come by.

As a result, Southern has decided to diversify into magazine publishing, and is contemplating a full stock-market listing to fund its expansion plans. Cathy Newman reports.

Southern said yesterday it had "sufficient resources" to make a "sizeable start" in magazine publishing, both by acquiring existing titles and starting up new ones. James Sexton, chief executive, said the company was taking a "quiet look" at magazines, as the current round of ownership changes in the regional press "can't go on

Despite laying plans to expand into both consumer and business magazines, Mr Sexton said be was still looking at to the end of June, after £3.4m re organ-

Contrary to the conventional

wisdom that the IMF and

regional newspapers, but at the right price. He said Southern, the tenth-largest regional newspaper publisher, would like to be one of six big players to control the industry in years to come, and was considering moving to the full market to fund substantial acquisitions. There are currently around 20 key regional publishers

He reiterated his statement a year ago that the group was prepared to spend £100m to expand its publishing operations, and, despite not launching a rights issue "since the 1950s", said: "There's no reason why we shouldn't go for a rights issue if we found the right target." Southern spent £31.5m buying United

Provincial Newspapers' Welsb division last November, and the company said it would "look at anything" if United put the rest of its regional newspapers up for sale. However, Mr Sexton admitted South-

ern would find it hard to challenge market leaders such as Trinity International Holdings and Newsquest Media Group, which announced last week it was to float.

Southern reported a 25 per cent drop



isation and redundancy costs. Profits in the same period the previous year had in pre-tax profits to £14.1m for the year been artificially boosted by a property

Mr Sexton said the "difficult period" of streamlining Southern's publishing regions, which led to 175 redundancies, was now virtually over, although around

25 further job losses were expected.
Underlying advertising revenue increased by 9.1 per cent across the group, although the company did experience a dip in the week of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. Although there was no evidence of a downturn in advertising revenue, the company said it would be "foolish" to expect the present boom to continue throughout next year.

Circulation across the group fell 1.5 per cent, but increases in cover prices pushed revenue up 1.9 per cent.

Evening titles performed poorly, although Mr Sexton said there were some signs that the circulation decline in the evening market was coming to a halt.

Southern is looking at various promotional activities to boost circulations. One option is to reward loyalty by offering discounts to people who buy the group's papers consistently throughout the

Shares in Southern jumped 20.5p to

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#### Tarmac faces uphill task

Tarmac has been restructuring for most of the 1990s. Brick making went in 1995 and housebuilding was swapped for Wimpey's aggregrates and construction businesses in a £600m deal last year. The results are now starting to come through in spades

Underlying profits, ignoring the £65m charge for the latest revamp unveiled two years ago, have soared from £6.7m to £38.6m in the six months to June. The strategy of focusing on heavy building. materials such as aggregates and construction seems to be paying off, helped by an improving market and rationalisation savings now running at an annual rate £40m. That mixture fed through to a surge in margins in heavy building materials, which jumped from 7.5 per cent to 9.7 per cent with the UK operation now close to 11 per cent.

Now Neville Simms, Tarmac's chief executive, is looking to raise each of the group's operations to the level of the best player in its class around the world. Certainly raising margins in construction from the current 1.1 per cent to the target of more than 3 per cent, possibly as

Zacutex, the pancreatitis treatment, in Europe not due until next year, investors have little else to guide them.

concern ove

It is encouraging that British Biotech is expanding its cancer trials so extensively. Two new breast cancer trials of almost 700 patients have started this year, both largely funded by external bodies, adding to continuing trials in six cancer types.

Crucially, the group is also starting studies combining marimastat with existing chemotherapy drugs.

This blitz of cancer trials and drug combinations makes sense. To capitalise on the buge cancer market worldwide, marimastat needs to be the drug of first choice for most cancers. Moreover, if the theory behind marimastat is correct, combination therapy should prove to be the best treatment, with chemotherapy shrinking the tumour and marimastat in effect scaling it, preventing the spread of secondary tumours. While the City waits for proof, British Biotech's £173m cash pile should see it through to commercialisation.

Meanwhile, the group is keeping costs in check. First-quarter losses were £1m higher at £9m but on target. Valuation remains the great unknown. Lehman Brothers reckons the shares are fair value at 155p, assuming marimastat,

#### PEOPLE & BUSINESS

World Bank shindig now winding down in Hong Kong is just one long round of cocktail parties, it is actually very hard work (so our correspondent there tells me). Meeting after meeting, seminar after seminar. Hon-

estly. So much so that after one 7.30am breakfast round table chin-wag on European Monetary Union, a nearly empty mmi-bar bottle of Johnnie Walker Red Label was found under the table, EMUtalk is enough to drive anybody to drink, but the finger of suspicion has been pointed no doubt unfairly -- at our own dear Kenneth Clarke. Just because his breakfast seemed to consist of a cigar ...

The security around the Hoog Kong convention centre for the visiting Chinese premier has been remarkable even by the high standards of these international gatherings. One or reserve. Relief all round as two tranquil demonstrations, where police outnumber the demonstrators by about three to one, have been allowed. But the security hlanket is tightest of all in the Grand Hyatt Hotel where most delegations - including the Chinese - are staying.

When the Premier, Li Peng, is in the botel the doors are scaled and the lifts all stop operating. But Mervyn King, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, found himself in a moving lift on one of these occasions. As the doors opened he was joined by the Chinese premier and two soldiers armed to the teeth. Mr King reached his destination safely - but said he had decided not to reach for his mobile phone.

Fun and games at a fund raising bash the other night for the Crocus Trust, a new charity to raise awareness of and find treatments for colon and bowel cancer. The bidding for a couple of first-class British



Airways tickets to any destination in the US was opened by Richard Branson at a deliberately insulting price of £1. What a wag.

There followed an awkward couple of minutes wheo Mr Bransoo's even more geoerous donation, free travel anywhere in the world courtesy of Virgin, looked as if it wouldn't even make the BA the tickets were finally knocked out for £8,000.

The entertainment continued as the auctioneer, Chris Tarrant, Capital Radio's star DJ, found himself adjudicating over a bidding war between his own wife and Mr Branson for a morning with Capital Radio's Flying Eye. Since Mr Tarrant's wife was sitting in Mr Branson's lap at the time, it was not easy to see wbo had actually won this coveted prize. It is only possible to speculate on why either of them wanted this special treat. Was it mere bravado on Mr-Branson's part or do I sense a merger coming on?

The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, has appointed a new fundraiser, Jeremy Bayliss, a chartered surveyor and senior partner of Gerald Eve. Mr Bayliss has been a surveyor for 37 years and now becomes chief executive of Kew's Foundation, in order to raise funds for one of the world's greatest

botanic gardens, Kew's director, Sir Gillean Prance, paid tribute to the "fantastic job" done by the previous chief executive, Giles Coode-Adams. The latter had raised more than £16.5m for Kew. "He has excelled my wildest dreams," Sir Gillean tells me.

Martin Sorrell has finally merged the media buying operations of WPP's UK advertising subsidiaries, J Walter Thompson and Ogilvy & Mather, As with all mergers, bowever amicable, there are winners and losers. And it looks like JWT's Dominic Proctor bas come out on top, with the title of chief operating officer of MindShare (the oew merged body) and chairman of MindShare UK.

O&M's Mandy Pooler, one of the most powerful womeo in advertising and with a reputation for tough talking, becomes merely managing director of MindShare UK.

As far as I understand it. "media buying" means buying advertising space. According to MindShare itself, the newly merged operation will "leverage its size to buy share of voice in the most costeffective way possible". So now you know.

Cortecs, the Isleworth, Mid-

diesex-based drugs company, has poached Dr Phil Gould from Glaxo Wellcome UK to be its new director of research and development. Dr Michael Flynn, president and chief operating officer at Cortecs, is delighted to have booked such a big fish. Dr Gould is Glaxo's head of new product introduction and product technology, overseeing 340 technical staff. The newcomer "will take on responsibility for managing and leading all our R&D projects" at Cortecs, says Dr Flynn. This will consist mostly of developing new "pharmaceutical delivery systems", in other words pills to cure osteoporosis and the like

#### **Bombardier project creates** 300 jobs at Shorts

Shorts, the Belfast-based aerospace company, is investing £108.4m in a project which will create over 300 jobs and safeguard 671 more. Shorts is to design and make airframe components for two new aircraft being built by its Canadian parent company, Bombardier. The programmes will more than replace the hundreds of jobs lost at Shorts with the collapse of Dutch plane maker Fokker last year. Ulster Secretary Mo Mowlam announced the investment during a visit to Shorts before heading to the talks at Stormont, Shorts has been given assistance of £19.5m by the Government's Industrial Development Board.

#### SCS to sell subscriber bases

Securicor plans to sell the subscriber bases of Securicor Cellular Services (SCS) to Cellnet for £38m. The group will take a £17m exceptional charge in its full-year results following the disposal. SCS said the sale of its consumer and small business subscribers, estimated to number 254,000 at completion, to Cellnet, in no way affects Securicor's 40 per cent holding in Cellnet. Securicor also intends to conclude talks for the sale of its corporate subscribers to Martin Dawes Telecommunications for £8m cash.

#### Siebe to buy Eaton division

Siebe, the engineering group, has agreed to buy the Appliance Control Operations of Eaton Corporation for £123m cash. Siebe will pay for the acquisition from existing resources. The company has also authorised the sale of certain companies, "which no longer fit the long-term strategy of building world-leading businesses at each of Siebe's three divisions". The companies include its Tecalemit Garage Equipment operations and Wells Electronics.

#### Arcadian reveals approach

Arcadian International, the botcls company, has received an approach from a third party which may or may not lead to an offer being made for the whole of the issued ordinary share capital of the company. "Discussions are at a preliminary stage and a further announcement will be made in due course," Arcadian said. The shares rose from 50.5p to 65.5p, valuing the company at almost

#### Woodchester takeover

Wnodchester Investments, the Irish financial services group, has agreed to be taken over by GE Capital for Ir£591m. This is the biggest takeover in the history of the Irish stock exchange. Woodchester agreed the terms of a recommended cash offer which would value each share at Ir263p. Crédit Lyonnais bolds a 54 per cent stake in Woodchester and has agreed to accept GE's offer, conditional on the agreement of the French government. The price represents a multiple of 17 times Woodchester's 1996 earnings per share and a multiple of 2.8 times its shareholders' funds at 31 December, 1996. Its main businesses are motor and equipment leasing and instalment credit.

#### Simon moves sector

Simnn Group, the port services and engineering group, unveiled pre-tax profits up 16 per cent to £5.8m for the six months to 30 June and said it had "substantially completed" its disposal programme. It paid no dividend. It has been reclassified from the Engineering sector to the Support Services sector. Earnings per share for the ongoing business rose 53 per cent to 2.3p (1.5p) while debt fell to £48.5m after the repayment of US\$90m.

#### Tarmac: At a glance Market value: £1.2bn, share price 128.5p (+3p) - Half year -1,23 Tarnover (Ebn) 2.66 2.48 Earnings per share (p) Share price, pence Gearing × 1992 93 94 95 96 97

early as 1999, could generate another £30m of profits.

But Mr Simms still has an uphill task. Roads still represent 15 per cent of Tarmac's turnover, while Mr Simms' proselytising zeal for the private finance initiative and facilities management work has still to make much of an impact. The group's professional services operation, which includes facilities management, may break into profit this year, boosted by the £100m Gravesham and Dartford hospital PFI project launched yesterday.

Assuming profits of £127m in the full year, the shares, up 3p at 128.5p, stand on a forward p/e of 14. With a dividend still to be covered by earnings, they are

#### Cancer trials boost Biotech

British Biotech's assurance yesterday that clinical trials of marimastat, its potential blockbuster cancer drug, are on track was enough to satisfy a market shell-shocked by recent calamities in the biotech

The group's share price, which has dipped from a high of 270p this year, added 3.5p to close at 168p on encouraging first-quarter results.

As Biocompatibles and Celltech have clearly shown, management's confidence about a product is no guarantee of success.

However, with the first results from marimastat phase III trials not due until the first half of 1999 and filing of bility of reaching market. Hold for now.

half the value, has a 55 per cent proba-

#### **Profits rise 58%** at PizzaExpress

If dough rose like the share price of PizzaExpress, the restaurant chain would be in serious trouble. The group has seen its market value multiply 10-fold to £500m in the space of four years, with results for the year to June adding another £25m yesterday.

Thrnover rose by 60 per cent, of which only 9 per cent came from like-for-like sales. The rest of the growth came from 32 new restaurants during the year and 32 franchises bought in last October. As a result, profits rose by 58 per cent to £16.2m, including £660,000 from disposals.

There are now 150 outlets in the UK and the City has raised the potential ceiling from 200 to as much as 300. Domestic saturation could be only four to five years away, but the first international franchise has opened in Cyprus and moves are afoot to take the concept to the US, Italy, Spain, France, the Middle and Far East.

Greig Middleton is forecasting underlying profits of £22-23m for the current year putting the shares at 759p, up 31.5p, on a forward multiple of 30 times forecast earnings, which compares with an asset value of only 17p. If growth hits a flat spot the shares could prove indigestible to investors with a delicate constitution. High enough.

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#### **BSM** drives strategy towards schools expansion in Europe

BSM, Britain's biggest motoring school, is looking to change gear with a shift into information technology training in Britain and expansion of its dri-ving schools business outside

The group, which saw its profits go into reverse at the half year after the introduction of the new written driving test sharply reduced oumbers taking the practical test, wants to broaden its business.

Richard Glover, BSM's chief executive, said the move into general IT training was not imminent, but made long-term sense: "We already train our driving instructors and compile driving manuals, so we have experience of training. IT training is a fast growing area and would reduce our dependence on a narrow market."

BSM is also considering opening driving schools on the

Continent, probably in France initially where it has knowledge of the market from its relationship with Faros, the French aircraft simulator group. BSM. plans to site simulators, replicas of Vauxhall Corsas, in eight UK cities by October to encourage young learner drivers to start lessons early: "The response so far has been stunning. Simulators help drivers overcome the fear factor. We think they will be a unique selling point for us," Mr Glover said.

BSM said that the introduction of the written driving test had led to a 50 per cent fall in the number of drivers applying for the practical exam. As a result half-year profits to June shumped from £2.9m to £1.5m, in line with the profits warning in April.

BSM held its half-year dividend at 2.53p.

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#### Concern over Biocompatibles' decline increases

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Despair over Biocompatibles cided to walk away from the International, the latest main elements of the talks healthcare group to damage its which covered the US group usabove 1,400p earlier this year and capitalising the company at more than £1bn, crashed a further 60p to 475p as the mar-

stream of small sell orders. The company, a favourite of private investors, became Johnson - in its narrow world the subject of grief two weeks of protective coatings. There ago when it failed to clinch key is also dismay it failed to warn deals with Johnson & Johnson, the market about the temthe US health giant.

In the summer the market posed link and Bio's shares represent the reverse as proweakened. Doubts, however, gress. Chief executive Alistair combined to unsettle equities. were largely allayed by sooth—Taylor actually said the setback Centrica led blue chips on ing comments from the com-pany, which said negotiations "us to distribute our own support. The investment continued and their scope had stents and look for another house sees the shares at 120p;

shareholders wealth, is in- ing Bio's special coating for creasing. The shares, riding stents-they hold arteries open during an operation - and marketing Bio's stents in the US.

The severe mauling accorfurther 60p to 475p as the mar-ket was forced to absorb a der share mainly reflects the fear Bio could have unwittingly unleashed a powerful rival ~ perature of the talks.

And there is astonishment

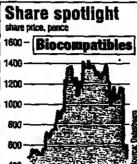
over an advance form of coating which would eliminate thrombosis. Still, Bio is not completely friendless. Merrill Lynch remains supportive and stockbroker Killik said the

depressed price "totally under-

values" the group's technology. Bio was not the only share under pressure. Blue chips had an off day although second and third liners achieved modest progress. Odd goings on in the futures market, a weak New York display and grew restless about the pro- at the way Bio attempted to subdued government stocks after an uninspiring auctioo

Others higher included oration concessions in Pakistan SmithKline Beecham, 4p also fuelled the enthusiasm. (after 24.5p) at 558.5p following US approval for a Parkinson's disease treatment, and Burton, 3.25p better at 128.75p on Merrill Lynch sup-

Lasmo, the oil group, rose 3p to 266.5p after reserve estimates were lifted for some of its Algerian fields. Three expl-



Properties were buoyant with British Land 10p harder

at 615p. MEPC, regarded as a likely bid target, managed a 4p plus to 498.5p on its retreat from overseas and plans to hand £300m to shareholders. Another possible bid em-

erged in the hotel industry. Arcadian International, with a string of country botels, jumped 15p to 65.5p after reporting an approach. Hanover International, which earlier admitted bid feelers, put on 4p to 147.5p.

Sentry Farming was the session's main casualty, falling 31.5p (after 42.5p) to 83.5p. It lost £774,000 in its first halfyear and suffered difficult a harvest which will produce lower year's figures.

Incepts, the marketing and

ners has sold its 5 per cent in-

terest, mostly at 19.5p. Brent International hardened to 79.5p. Vague takeover talk circulates. Martin Evans at stockbroker Sutherlands rates the shares a buy. "With historic sales of £140m and a current market capitalisation of only £53m, the valuation of the group is anomalously low, particularly with Brent on the cusp of sustained recovery." In the past year the shares have

Pilkington was agaio heavily traded. The shares rose 4p to 155.5p with the war-rants up 3p at 43p. The glassmaker has been the subject of intense market activity with Mercury Asset Management thought to have cut its stake.

come down from 118p.

Middlesex held at 8p. ABN Amro Hoare Govett has con-

#### TAKING STOCK

Queensborough, the leisure vehicle of ML Laboratories founder Kevin Leech, is near to its restaurant launch. Earlier this year it recruited Michael Guthrie, former head of Mecca and the unquoted BrightReasons eatingout chain, to mastermind what it calls a casual dining division. It is understood trial ventures will open soon and the concept could be quickly rolled out. Queensborough, with caravan parks and waxwork attractions, firmed to 28p.

Nursing Home Properties, the property investment company specialising in the purchase and leaseback of care homes, held near its peak at 122.5p. Meditrust, the big US group which has a 20 per cent interest, is guaranteeing a £10m loan. It is thought

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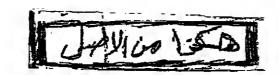
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# 29/RACING

#### Peslier takes the Air at Ascot

With Entrepreneur, the favourite for Saturday's Queen Elizabeth!! Stakes, weak in the betting, Greg Wood pinpoints Air Express as an outsider which may be worth supporting. The 16-1 chance will be assisted by a top-class rider with the booking of Olivier Peslier.

Before the Queeo Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot on Saturday all the attention will be oo a horse who has won one Classic, but it is worth remembering that there will be another horse in the field who has won two. Entreoreneur, who beat Revoque in the 2,000 Guineas at New-

on Saturday, just as he did Derby. Air Express, by contrast, who woo the equivalent Classic in both Italy and Germany before finishing second to Starborough over Saturday's course and distance at the Royal meeting, seems sure to set off at odds which are comfortably into double figures.

Not that that is ever likely to bother Clive Brittain, who runs his horses where he thinks they have a chance, regardless of what the bookies may say. There is plenty of 16-1 available about his representative, which will appeal in particular to those punters who believe a horse should always be forgiven one disappointing run.

In Air Express's case, this Goodwood and he's fresh and came in the Sussex Stakes at well," Brittain says. "Olivier

away to finish seventh of nine when beateo into fourth in the to Ali-Royal, but his trainer has an explanation. "That race went completely wrong for him," Brittain said yesterday. "He was on the outside and was pushed wide and never got on a true leg. He was left out of it really, it was more the course that beat him than the opposition."

> In his previous race, however, Air Express put up a performance which gives him every chance on Saturday. He may have started at 20-1 for the St James's Palace Stakes, but he was the only colt in a strong field who ever seemed likely to give Starborough a race, and was eventually beaten just a length. "He's had a nice break since

market, may well start favourite Goodwood, when he dropped Peslier was booked to ride this 9-4 joint favourite with Revoque morning so we've got a top jockey and a horse in form, and he's at Ladbrokes, Revoque has acgot a very good chance. People forget he's won two Classics because they were in Germany and Italy, but you try to go to Germany now and win a race and you'll need an Al horse."

Air Express is one of six three-year-olds in the ninestrong entry for the QEII, and Brittain believes the winner will this time of the year the threeyear-olds which are progressing to a mile," he says. "At a mile and a half I think the older horses can still hold them at bay."

Entrepreneur remains the clear favourite for Saturday's race with Coral, but drifted yesterday with several other firms. Michael Stoute's colt is now the changes at Hills.

in William Hill's betting, while tually displaced Entrepreneur at the head of the market. Peter Chapple-Hyam's runner, who returned to the track for the first time since the spring when winning a minor race at Doncaster's St Leger meeting, is 7-4, with Entrepreneur drifting to 2-1.

Another market mover was

Allied Forces, the mount of come from this generation. "At Frankie Dettori, who won this race - and everything else - 12 months ago. Ladbrokes opened do tend to be a big factor at up yesterday with 8-1 showing against Godolphin's runner, who woo the Queen Anne, Stakes at the Royal meeting, but within a couple of hours he was down to 11-2. Bahhare (11-2 from 5-1) and Bijou D'Inde (16-1 from 33-1) were other



Air Express: Dual Classic winner at double-figure odds for Saturday's QEII Stakes Photograph: Phil Smith/Sporting Life

#### called up by **Great Britain**

Paul Broadbent and two of his Sheffield Eagles team-mates have been given a consolation prize following their elimination from the Premiership by being added to Great Britain's squad to face Australia in November.

RUGBY LEAGUE

**Broadbent** 

Broadbent played in all five Tests on the South Pacific tour last year and will be favourite for one of the prop positions against the Aussies. He is joined in the squad by the threequarters Keith Senior - who also toured last year - and Nick Pinkney.

The Castleford prop Dean Sampson has also been included despite missing the end nf the season because of an ankle injury. Their full-back Jason Flowers has also been called up after an outstanding game in their Premiership semifinal defeat at St Helens.

Huddersfield's former Great Britain captain Garry Schofield is out of the Divisional Premiership final which will open the day's events at Old Trafford this Sunday. Schofield tore a hamstring in the semi-final victory at Keighley.

The First Divisioo's second leading try-scorer, Dean Hanger, suffered a similar injury op Sunday and could also miss the match, while a third Huddersfield player, Nick Fozzard, broke his nose and is also rated a less than 50-50 chance.

The amateur and professional wings of the game are poised to set up a joint policy board - the closest approach yet to a merged governing body - to end years of acrimony. A meeting of the Rugby League and Barla, the amateur authority, has agreed the structure of the joint board and an annooncement is planned for oext month.

Bob Scott, the geogral manager of the First and Second Divisioo Clubs' Association. dismissed speculation vesterday that oon-Super League clubs had been in discussions with the ARL about the formation of a £35m winter league.

The ARL has invited Australian Super League clubs to join a new company to run the . game "down under." The move follows the breakdown in merger talks with News Ltd. backers of Super League in Australia and Europe, and decreases the chances of reverting to one competition next year. - Dave Hadfield

**EQUESTRIANISM** 

#### Classy choice

for Whitakers

Teo horses have travelled to London from John Whitaker's West Yorkshire yard in time for today's opening of The Horse of the Year Show at Wembley Arena. Three of them - Virtual Village Grannusch, Randi and Heyman - will be ridden by Whitaker himself. The others will be shared between his daughter, Louise, his son, Robert, and his 19-year-old stahle jockey, Paul Barker.

Louise, who is 17, is the current holder of the national women's title, which she woo this year. She was the victor of two classes (the Under-21 and Under-18 Championships) at Wembley last year and this week has the opportunity to ride Cowboy Magic Gammoo in three international classes.

Barker is also among the 10 young riders who have been given three chances of taking on the international contestants at Wembley. He will be partnering Barry Bug, with whom he: had the best British score of the winning Nations Cup team in Bratislava, incurring just 0.25 of a time fault in his two rounds.

Last year, Barry Bug was one of the horses who helped John Whitaker to a Saturday treble at The Horse of the Year Show - Genevieve Murphy



#### My Emma's Arc hopes hit

My Emma, winner of the Yorkshire Oaks at the Ebor meeting and last year's Prix Vermeille. is a doubtful runner for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on 5 October. She injured herself when slipping at home over the weekend. "I am still hopeful that she will make the Arc, but we will know more in a couple of days," Rae Guest, her trainer, said yes-

> Tuesday's Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket has found a last-minute sponsor in the form of the Thoroughbred Corporation, the ownership group which represents Ahmed bin Salman. The same name will also be attached to the Group One Dewhurst Stakes, to be run at the same course in just over three weeks' time.

#### RESULTS

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2.15: 1. RAMBLING ROSE (J Roki) 9-2;
2. Tuning 3-1; 3. Night Rute 11-1 14 ran.
6-4 fav Shirhad (4th) 74, 6 (M Shoute, Newmarket). Tate: £550; £130. £170. £560.
Duel Forecast: £860. Computer Straight Forecast: £1875. Thio: £76.80.
2-45: 1. NORTHERN BLESSING (J. Rati) 8-1; 2. Burning Truth 4-9 fav; 3. Wellardwave 7-2. S ran. 5. 2% (P Harris, Berkhamsted). Totac £860; £160. £150. £150.
DF: £400. £57; £500. Thio: £520. Non Runners; Jaze 5. On Merit.
3.15: 1. WCHTEYAAR (RHMs) 8-13 fav; 2. Finel Bappo 10-1; 3. Wigging 18-1. 18 ran.
374, 174. (R Armstrong, Newmarket). Totac £140; £120. £240, £470. DF: £840. £57; £776.
Thio: £8250.

3.48; 1. MIDDLE EAST (J Carroll) 9-1; 2. Melederie 9-2 fav; 3. Superbit 12-1, 19 ran. 1,1% (T O Barron, Thirsk) Toke; \$1390; \$370, \$280, \$480, \$48; \$500, \$65F; \$5106, \$78; La

C280 (ABO DF: C3080, CSF: CS16 NR: La Volus Trio: C50080, A.18: 1. TARASHAAN (S Sanders) 7-2 thr. 2. Iroq Mourtain 13-2; 3. Narrogin 18-1; 4. Red Maple 18-1. 18 ran; 1/s, 1/s, (Sh Mark Precott, Navarnarise), Tota: C480; C150, C230, C530, D420 Outs Porocast C150, CSF: C3054, Trocast: C286-25, Trio: C598-0. 4.46: 1. CTVEL LIBERTY (Nr. A Belding) 11-1; 2. Riocaston 8-1; 3. Augustan 6-1; 4. Talger 9-1, 18 ran, 3-1 fav Feris Governor, 1/s, 2. (O Lavits, Epsorn) Tota: C1580; C250, C170, C230, C320, DF: C4480, CSF: C40728. Ricast: C830, C3 Trio: C6600.

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4. Alegna 18-1, 18 ran, 11/4, 8 (F. Murphy,
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Executor 9-4 fav. 10 ran. 3, 2 (B Libretlyn).
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bought in for 5,200 guineas.
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2. file de Libretin 10-1: 3. Azzutnilia 25-1. 3

S.06: 1. MYSTRY DAY (C Maude) 1-4 mg; 24 de Libretin 10-1; 3. Aquatinite 25-1-5 781. 4.9 (M Pipe) Tota: \$120; \$110. \$240. DF \$250 CSF: \$382 DF \$250; 1. RUTIN'S BOY (F Johnson) 4-1; 2. Mazanto 8-4 kg; 3. The Shy Padra 5-1. B rise, 15, det. (Mes A Embricos), Tota: \$530; \$210, \$230 DF: \$870. CSF, \$599. NR; John Roose.

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2. Durreton Bill 56-1; 3. Inchryd-De 5-2 5
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CV40, C440, Dual Forecast; C2800, CSF;

#### GOODWOOD

HYPERION 2.00 Royal Ground 2.30 ST ENODOC (nap) 4.00 Sweet Magic 4.35 Mbulwa 3.00 Czar Wars 5.05 Snow Partridge

5.35 Ring The Chief GOING: Straight course – Good; Round course – Good to Firm. Penetrometer 30.

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2.30 STIVEL GOLD CUP MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) 25,060 added 2YO 1m Penalty Value £3,720 

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FORM GUIDE

Central Committee attempts to emulate best year's whose White Hot (won the previous week) after his debut success at Beverley seven days ago, Backed from 7-4 to 4-5 who bearing fellow newcorner Long Bond, he was well drawn there, but has the outside six to exercise today. The galding with better form is BETTHON, who overcome trouble

to win a claimer at Brighton and then second with a little-imown apprentice to John Dunloph Rabein at Redoat. Rebeit word on to finish a tine second to Land A Hand in a hot
rursery at Doncester so Bettron must take the beating getting it is, which includes Royeton Prenchts claim. Then was a tucky winner from Junge Story phont of room) in a numery here to days ago. This is a toughter least for him, but Ponteirant winner Pricelesse is
down in grade after his Listed-race run over a mis here. Seaten further by Aboosten
then he was at Kempton, Priceless probably failed to stay and this return to seven tulongs gives him a chance. Invalidationary run in the Teago! flow race at Newmarkst that
has thrown up numerous winners. He could be better class then his stablemeit Madeines
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Selection: BETTRON

3.30 ROA FOUNDATION STAKES (Listed) (CLASS A) £25,000 added 1 m 21 Panelty Value £17,300 

BETTRIC: 5-4 Sandstons, 8-1 Darish Rhepsody, 7-2 Proper Blos, 6-1 Running Stag, 14-1 Lonely 1998: Hageeth 4 6 9 M Roberts 5-2 (B Hartsury) drawn (B) 5 rat FORM GUIDE

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Deniah Rhepsedy is on his taxouris counts for his Listo-nece stiampt, but this frontnumer may not see off SANDSTONE, who receives 6th. A winner from Historia in this
grade at Newmarkst in May, Sandistons were then rested until Haydook last month and
duly won in Turkey 11 days ago when holding off the arrant pair Remooz and Fly 1b The
Stars. As useful as he has been in two hondlespe here, Denish Phepsody has yet to prove
hels up to Sandatone's class. Proper Blue was doubly-handlespeed at Newbury last week.
The ground was against him and he was returning from a four-month absence. He will
improve on that run behind Class Ben and was a Listed-race where last becland. Running Stag is again in a race which looks too hot for him, and Lensily Heart scase is tuge
task after his maiden win here.

Selection: SANDSTONE

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A high draw will be a help in this big flool and DANICING LAWYER could be the one from stati 21 strer a creditable third to all-the-way winner Rock Felton in a Chepetow seller is contright ago - his fourth run for Karl Burlie since lesving Brian Meehan. The oldstager Lord Oberon is mother with a chance from a good draw. Of this course lest year, he was not degraced at Salisbury and Kempton prior to a below-par showing with his apprenting at Sandown. The best drawn is Moreman Conquests, who is a possibility in his first-time visor, and Mibuhm, besten a short head by course specialist Euro Scapic at Beverley a week ago, can also be fanced from stall 19. Hardequity Walls seems bester on the all-weather but was second to Theishmester here lest month and gets a 19th pull for the four-length beeking by Bapastord on Equitack. Country Thetch may not have stayed the longer trip at Foliastone siter his win there and has clears, stong with the Bythlymacd South Chine See, who was in bad ground at York last time. Chris Dwyer has got Oshana sweet judged on lest week's second to Gay Breeze at Yermouth (8). This trip should be no problem, but stell one looks dodgy.

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ROYAL: CASTLE, from Dick Herm's in-torn yeard, trock an age to beast off Stakes Casinos
Boy at Pontelizact in June and the soft ground was probably the relation for his Sandown
flop. He can improve and being a non-of Caenleon will always do better on this tester ourface. Prince Alar won on his first handicap attempt, over this trip at Newmarkst. He did
having to the right when beating Koepasios and I would just be worried about this faster
ground. Perroys From Heaves has Bet 715 pitter beating modest hvals at Bath, while the
maiden Snow Partridge is tried in bifesters ether looking glow at Lingdedt. Seattle Swing.
8 duel winner at Windoor (the first for John Gosden), promises to stay this langer hip.
Selection: ROYAL CASTLE

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FORM GUIDE

Brighton winner (7) Step On Degas got the mile here last time when caught on the fine by the Frenies Detart-ridden Gold Lance. She has a leading chance in this poor race, but the well-drawn Jubiles Scholars, who was beaten as kingdits when seventh to Step On Degas at Brighton, now enjoys a Bib pull. Scathebury is handicapped to go close, but RING THE CHIEF, twice a winner for today's apprendice, is the choice either a good fourth to Rock The Barney at Sendown over a trip (in 2) a shade too far for him.

Selection: RING THE CHIEF

#### CHESTER

HYPERION 2.20 Aboo Hom 2.50 Pure Nobility 3.20 Khattaff (nb) 3.50 Alhossem 4.20 Kawafii 4.55 U-No-Herry GOWG: Good. STALLS: Inside, DRAW ADVANTAGE; Low best.

GOING: Good. STALLS: Inside, DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low best.

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© Course is near centre of city on A548. Chester General station in, ADMISSRON: County Endourse 20°; Reterrade 20°; Dee Stand 24; Course E2 CAR PARIS: 22

© LEADING TRAINERS: J Berry — 18 witners from 154 runners ghas a success ratio of 154%, M Stoute 15 from 77 (20.8%); R Hanson 14 from 27 (19.5%); A Hills 12 from 30 (15%).

© LEADING JOCKEYS: K Fallon 16 wins from 109 rides gives a success ratio of 14.7%; J Forthure 17 from 72 (15.5%); M Hills 10 from 77 (15%); R Cochrane 7 from 49 (14.3%).

© FAVOURITIES: 158 with in 377 micros (41.5%).

BIRNERED FIRST THEE Shearmon's Secret, Theodes Keith (2.20); That Man Again (Moored) (4.55).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN CAYS: Campaspe (3.50) won at Bowerley in Wedneday; Configuration (4.20) won at Ayr on Friday. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNINGS: 6 horses have been sant 192 miss from Neumerica, Surfok.

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BETTING: 9-4 Mutsmann, 5-2 Golden Dice, Kawalli, 7-2 Coul 4.55 TARPORLEY HANDICAP (CLASS D) 

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4.20 HESWALL STAKES (CLASS C) £8,000 added 2YO 7f 122yds

BETTING: 9-2 Yest Man Again, 5-1 Paleongels Jack, 7-1 Sterp Peerl, 8-1 Lady Shoriff, GJ Le High, 10-1 Top Of The Form, Caution, 12-1 others

#### PERTH

HYPERION
2.10 Four From Home 2.40 Liniathen 3.10 Eurotwist 3.40 Vintage Tattinger 4.10 Johns The Boy 4.45 Tarded HYPERION

GOING: Chee course - Good (Good to Firm in places); Hurdie course - Good to Firm (Good in places).

If Right-hand course with stemp turns, Run-in 280yd.

If Right-hand course with stemp turns, Run-in 280yd.

If Course is in Scone Palace Park, 4m N of town on ASS, Pertin station (service from Dundee) 4m ADBIDSTOM: Members EX; Telestands (Francisco) 4 Packtok EX; Telestands (Francisco) 5 for picnic teres, including maximum of 4 eduta, rest free.

If LEADING THAINERS: Mits M Rarvelay — 22 wins from 57 run-rary guess success ratio of 40,8%; M Harmsond 25 from 50 (225%).

If EADING JOCKEYS: P Niver 25 wins from 75 ricks gives a success ratio of 32,9%; A Dobble 29 from 51 (23,5%); 2 Storey 13 from 51 (23,5%); A P McCoy 9 from 32 (25,1%).

If FAROURITES: 100 wits in 330 races (4,4%).

BUNNERS BY THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Nove.

WINNERS BY THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Nove.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Liniations (2,40), Eden Dancer (2,50), & Rarded (4,4%) have been sen; 191 miles by Mts M Reveley from Ling-dale, Cleveland.

2.10 BALLATHIE HOUSE HOTEL NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) E3,500 3m 110yds 1 50082 FOUR FROM HOME (25) J.J.ONERS 10 10 A Rocke 2 00085 WOODHOUSE LANE (115) N.Campbellen 3 0 10 B Storry 3 0044 MY MANOURNEEN (180) Mrs S Bradours 5 10 1 Rev M Bradours (7) 4 203 ANEX'S GEN (193) Mrs S Backums 4 10 2 M Foster TRILEY (79) G Richards 4 10 2 M Foster TRILEY (79) G Richards 4 10 2 A Dolpton - 5 declared - BETTONG: 19-11 Trilling 3-1 My Marcommen, 9-2 Four From House, 13-2 Anilla's Gern, 19-1 Woodsouse Lane | 2.40 | GLENGOYNE MALT WHISKY NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) 25,000 2m 4f 110yds | 1 2m+1 LIPLATHEI (11) (CD) Me M Pareby 7 11 2 P Please 2 PDS 3 JUNITY GENERAL (B) C Pader 8 D D R Supple 4 DESH (DNASE (GSQ) (D) Me E Sec, 7 D D Sopple 4 DESH (DNASE (GSQ) (D) Me E Sec, 7 D D Sopple 5 DO MASE (GSQ) (D) Me Sec, 7 D D R Supple 6 DO MASE (GSQ) (D) C Me Sec, 7 D D R Supple 7 DO MASE (GSQ) (CD SP) JH Johnson 5 D D MASE (GSQ) (CD SP) JH Johnson 5 D D Mase (GSQ) (CD SP) JH Johnson 5 D D Megaire 4 Magaire 8 D Mase (GSQ) (CD SP) JH Johnson 5 D D Magaire 8 Megaire 8 Me DOSPP. SUPER GUY (149 J Bactay 5 to 8 \_\_\_\_\_\_ A Magaire 545.55 NONECT WENCH (25) (0 SF) We J Goodelow 5 to 3 \_8 Survey 30545 OM GOLDSH POND (15) N Macon 7 to 8 \_\_\_\_\_ R Surest - 10 declared -BETTING: 6-4 Linkshop, 6-4 Perdands Flyer, 6-1 Jounty George, 10-1 Northy Wench, 16-1 Maybe O'Crady, On Golden Pond, 16-1 others

3.10 BANK OF SCOTLAND CLAIMING HUR-DLE (CLASS F) £3,000 2m 110yds 

3.40 LOTHIAN PLUMBING AMATEURS HCAP HDLE (CLASS F) £4,000 2m 4f 110yds 1885-3 HOPENSK LEGEND (110) Mrs 9 Thorrson 3 10 0 2254 BITACRACK (20) (7) J Bract 10 100 Mr J Ooklands (7) - 3 declared - 3 declared - Alexandra (7) - 3 declared - 3 declared - 3 declared - 4 declared -

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) £6,000 added 3m -5 declared -

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# 30/SPORT

GOLF: COUNTDOWN TO THE RYDER CUP



Tiger Woods drives at the 11th at Valderrama yesterday, watched by his American team-mates (left to right) Lee Janzen, Scott Hoch and Mark O'Meara

# Danger: Tigertime zone straight ahead

In Tiger Woods the American team possesses the hottest property in golf. Woods is making his debut in the Ryder Cup, but, as his amateur career showed, the head-tohead version of the game perfectly suits his aggressive style and flair for the dramatic.

Few people in sport, let alone golf, have the ability to make something out of nothing quite like Seve Ballesteros, Five major titles, five World Match Play gon. Phil Knight, the CEO of Nike crowns and a distinguished Ryder Cup career atest to that. Among jewels was his 1983 encounter with Arnold Palmer at Wentworth. One down and in trouhle at the last, Ballesteros pitched in from 50 yards off the green to force a play-oif, which, paturally, he wob.

As non-playing captain, Ballesteros will not be able to conjure such magic at Valderrama this week. But in Tiger Woods, the American team have someone who certainly can.

His aggressive style can he even more devastating in matchplay than usual, with an errant shot only costing one hole rather than the double, triple and quadruple bogeys that have besmirched his scorecards in the majors since his studning US Masters victory. So much has happened to golf, as well as to the 21-year-old phenomenon in the last year, that it hardly seems pos-

sible that on 25 August, 1996, Woods was still an amateur golfer. That was the day Woods won his

third US Amateur Championship. A few hours later, guided as ever by his father Earl. Woods signed his first contracts with Mark McCormack's International Management Group and then with Nike: the latter for the little matter of \$40m (£25m).

Woods, two years into a degree at Stanford University, had faced intense scrutipy about his future plans, but everything was on hold pending an win three US Amateurs in a row at Pumpkin Ridge, near Portland, Orewhose headquarters are only 20 minutes away, was a conspicuous member of Woods' gallery all week. By the day of the 36-hole final,

against the Florida student Steve Scott, that gallery was greater than many US Amateurs have attracted for an entire week. NBC decided to show the final live op network television and its coverage attracted over double the audience of the World Series. where Phil Mickelson played Greg Norman. Players in the locker-room there, and at the Greater Vancouver Open, were tuned into Tigertime.

What made the event essential viewing was not the occasion's wider significance, but what Woods actually did. In rallying from being five down after 11 holes, and from two down with three to play. Woods once more confirmed his pedigree as a true champion.

tine for Woods as he won six USGA pational titles in a row. From 1991 to '93 he wop three US Junior Amateurs, the third by achieving birdies at the last two holes to square the match, getting up, and down from a bunker at the 18th,

and then winning at the first extra hole.

When he became, at 18, the youngest winner of the US Amateur in history, Woods was six down to Trip Kuchne after 13 holes in the final. Kuehne had made birdies at seven of those holes on the Sawgrass course which annually attempt to become the first player to stages The Players' Championship, hut could not keep up his superb golf.

#### BY ANDY **FARRELL**

After lunch, Woods won three holes in a row to be one down with seven to play, but at the 32nd and 33rd he drove into the trees and scrambled brilliantly for two halves in par. At the 34th, he got up and down from 60 yards for a hirdie four to draw level and, at the next, Sawgrass's treacherous parthree to an island green, his tee shot spun back off the back fringe to 14 feet. Naturally, he holed the putt and a par at the last confirmed the hest comeback in the history of the event.

A year later, at Newport, Rhode Is-

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COMPLETE FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES FOR THE 1997 CRICKET SEASON

Such amateur dramatics were rou- ly pp against Buddy Marucci, but holed a curling 20-footer to go two up st the 33rd. He needed the cushion for he lost the pext, hut, at the last, Woods hit his eight-iron directly over the flag. The ball landed 15 feet past the hole and spun back stiff. Bye, bye, Buddy.

So to Pumpkin Ridge. Woods hit only three fairways and four greens on the front nine against Scott. His estimated morning round was a 76. Woods missed the green at the first hole of the afternoon, but that was the last he missed. After birdies at the 21st and 22nd, he a less than inspired won two, lost two. won the 24th and the 27th to get back to one down. But Scott chipped in to win the next and, after a roller-coaster ride, went back to two up st the 32nd.

At the 34th, Woods had a six-foot putt for a hirdie, but Scott had to remind him to replace his marker after Woods hole and lost the match. Of course... Woods holed the putt to go one down.

Now the stmosphere was wild, and got even more so when Woods that followed has become his trademark. The last hole of regulation and the first of the play-off were halved, before a par at the 38th, Scott having lipped put, gave Woods victory. Scott offered his hand in congratulation, but It takes more courage to play match-Woods was buried in emhraces by his mother, father and entourage.

land, Woods was down three holes ear- his matches in five US Amateurs, first tee."

Woods' record is the best of all time. beating even Bobby Jones (W43, L8) and Jack Nicklaus (W24, L5). In all USGA matchplay events, Woods lost only three times.

In his only experience of team matchplay events, at the 1995 Walker Cup which America lost at Royal Porthcawl, Woods showed that hitting the ball 100 yards past his opponent could not guarantee victory as he lost to Gary Wolstenholme on the first day. Overall, his record for the week was

"That was a little different level to which he will experience now," Mark O'Meara said of Woods' amateur success. "His intimidation factor was quite a bit higher in amateur golf than it is in professional golf." Woods' game has developed too, though, and had moved it away from his opponent's his flair for the dramatic will prove danline-Without Scott's act of generosity. "gerous as he makes his Ryder Cup de-" Woods would have been penalised the hut. "He loves the challenge, he's petitor," added O'Meara.

"I have always preferred matchplay over medal play," Woods said after his holed a 30-foot downhill birdie putt at first official practice round as a Ryder the pext. The fist-pumping celebration Cup player yesterday. "It's one-on-one and you don't get the chance to do that very often.

There is more emption involved. You can ride the wave of momentum, or get stomped on. I think it is great. play than strokeplay. In strokeplay it is all down to the last nine holes on By winning 20 and losing only two of Sunday. In matchplay, it starts on the

#### A sporting event for those who are able to afford it

Only people who have been living in s cave without news delivery can have failed to notice the attention being paid presently to a golf match in southern Spain between millippaires representing the United States and Europe.



it has grown into a sports event beyond anything that could have been imagined by the Hertfordshire seed merchant who put the idea forward.

We are not only talking here about an explosion of commercial activity but further proof that the best travelled sports fans are British. Apart from those who trek regularly across Europe with their football teams, there is never a shortage of support in the furthest flung cricket and rugby locations. So many British racegoers turn up annually for the Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp that Parisians are now inclined to give it a miss. Also, it doesn't require the presence of one of our own in the ring for British fight fans to show up for championship contests in Las Vegas and Atlantic City.

Wandering around Valderrama's lush contours, the language you are most likely to hear is English. A conservative estimate is that Spaniards will be butnumbered by 5-1 in the audience of 25,000. In view of the fact that there are only 110,000 registered Spanish golfers in a population of around 44m and that golf here centres on tourism, this is hardly surprising. Nevertheless, and allowing for the number of British expatriates resident in the area, it emphasises what the Ryder Cup has become for people who can afford it.

Over the past 25 years it has grown and grown. In 1975, on the way to watch Muhammad Ali take on Joe Frazier in Manila, I stopped off to take in the Ryder Cup (before the European format was adopted) at Laurel Valley near Pittsburgh,

The first day there I was driven to the course by an avid golfer who had taken a week's leave from schoolteaching to assist with the arrangements. "What is this Ryder Cup? he asked. Expressing a view still shared by the majority of his compatriots, he added 'I don't think there can be much in all this if there isn't any money at stake."

It was the Ryder Cup in which Brian Barnes twice defeated Jack Nicklaus (otherwise it was a familiar story, America defeating Great Britain and Ireland by 21-11) but even that did not greatly excite American hacks. Insularity comes into this but Pittsburgh's leading newspaper at the time, The Post Gazette, covered the match in 12 paragraphs.

As recently as 1987, when Yony Jacklin's team of Europeans defeated the US at Mainfield Village, the reaction of most Americans was "What is the Ryder Cup and why did we lose it?" the sports round-up just above results in cycling and yachting.

In 1985 reporters were not present in enough numbers to constitute an unlawful assembly. In Valderrama more than 500 media representatives work in a tent large to accommodate a medium-sized airliner.

The day after Europe's remarkable victory at Oak Hill two years ago I took a train from Rochester to Albany in the company of passengers who had travelled overnight from Chicago. On being informed of the result, they expressed little if any interest. A subsequent telephone call to Rochester confirmed that it was still awash with the celehrations of British supporters. Fly the flag and you are sure to find them. If it's not the Barmy Army, it's the monied class that has descended in droves on Valderrama.



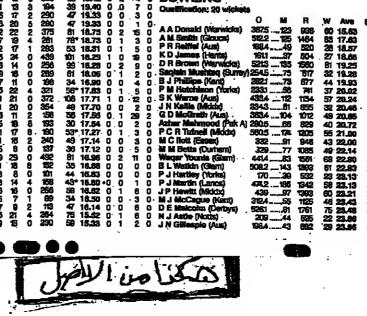


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FOOTBALL: FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

#### **Armstong erases** painful memories

Bolton Wanderers .... Tottenham Hotspur ......!

The Reebok Stadium finally saw its first goal last night, Alan Thompson's early penalty giving Bolton hope of gaining their inaugural victory here. But the hitech venue also witnessed an old fashioned game of two balves. and Chris Armstrong's first goal for 10 months rewarded Tottenham for a surprisingly spir-

ited display after the break. Sours arrived with a score to settle, mainly the 6-1 embarrassment Bolton inflicted on them at Burnden Park in the Coca-Cola Cup last November. Lacking four injured internationals, as well as David Howells, they spent most of the first half on the back foot.

Nathan Blake, showing no signs of being inhibited by his dismissal against Manchester United, was first to put Ian Walker under pressure. A diving save by the foot of the post kept Spurs

Mike Rowbottom

Wimbledon .

**Bolton Wanderers** ...

Wimbledon side beaten here by

their landlords Crystal Palace on

Saturday, asked only one thing

of his side last night - that they

They could not manage that.

allowing Barnsley a sloppy first-

half goal but their second-half

recovery, set in motion by an

equaliser from their rangy 20-

year-old tyro Carl Cort, augured

Wimbledon had left the field

in the near future.

concentrate for 90 minutes.

alive, before the woodwork itself netting after a weaving run, but denied Thompson, whose 25yard drive shook the underside of the bar before being cleared.

Bolton supporters' suspicions that their new home might be immed were evenutally laid to rest midway through the first half. After exactly 200 minutes action at the ground, Peter Beardsley and Blake worked a one-two which sent the latter surging through the centre.

Blake had reached the sixyard area when Justin Edinburgh tackled him from behind. The left-back, sent off at Arsenal earlier this month, was relieved when Mr Rennie reached for the yellow card rather than . the red. Thompson, burying the spot-kick to Walker's left as the keeper went right, exacted a punishment of no less severity.

Walker then used his legs to block from Scott Sellars before Spurs, overloaded with defenders and jinking wingers, finally stirred Kevin Branagan from his spectator's role on half-

David Ginola hit the side

hardly argue. The opening 45

minutes offered virtually noth-

ing of worth, save for a moment

of decisive action which brought

the visitors their lead after 41

minutes, Darren Barnard

where Eric Tinkler sent a

glancing header high over Neil

Kinnear was bellowing at his

players from the touchline as the

second half started and after just

four minutes they indicated

bie Earle managed to make a

contact which forced Barnsley's

with his feet. The ball ran loose

and Cort took the opportunity

From Kimble's corner Rob-

they were heeding his words.

Joe Kinnear, who saw bis swung a free-kick to the far post

well for their upward mobility keeper, David Watson, to block

at half-time to the sound of boo- to score his fourth goal in as

ing and chants of "What a many matches since making his

Sullivan

Wimbledon on the way up

the effort underlined the precarious nature of Bolton's lead.

The introduction of Armstrong at last encouraged the visitors to mount more than the occasional attack, and it was against the run of play when Bolton threatened again. Beardsley dispossessed the previously imperious Sol Campbell to set up Blake, who bludgeoned the ball inches wide.

When the infuriatingly mercurial Ginola wasted a rare Spurs corner, Ramon Vega made his displeasure known, as did Gerry Francis' No 2, Roger

The home crowd's jeers proved premature: with 18 minutes remaining, the Frenchman crossed for Armstrong to head in and ease the memory of a year of injury problems. Bolton Wandarens (4-4-2): Branagen; Bergs son, Fish Taggert, Whittow; Pollock, Francisen Thompson, Sefana; Blata, Beardaley, Substi-tutes not used: Johansen, Todd, McAnsepte

After 64 minutes Earle

added his name to the score-

sheet, giving Wimbledon the

lead with a decisive header from

Kenny Conningham's long ball.

ley rallied and after 58 minutes

another of Tinkler's headers

from a corner ran along the line

Ceri Hughes increased the lead

with his first Premiership goal,

a 30-yard drive which went in off

ing seven minutes from time

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the post.

Ten minutes later, though,

before being hacked clear.

In between the goals Barns-

#### Bosman boost on the cards for youngsters

Promising young British players

Out-of-contract players over the age of 24 would be allowed to change chubs for free and negotiate terms accordingly from I July next year.

The introduction of the ruling is being discussed jointly by the Premier League, the Football Association and the Football League via the professional football negotiating and consultative committee. favoured start date, because

the Professional Footballers' Association. The Football League wants the ruling brought in gradually, but the Premier League's spokesman Mike Lee said: "We need to make the break clean and simple. There's nothing to be gained by delay."



Lennart Johansson, the president of Ucfa, football's European governing body, is backing Nottingham Forest's claim for compensation from Anderlecht. Anderlecht have admitted

their chairman made a £20,000 "loan" to the referee after the controversial 1984 Ucfa Cup semi-final, which Forest lost. Johansson said: "Certain ideas have been put forward to see what we can do for them as they are the victims in this affair."

Uefa's executive committee is to revemp the format of the Intertoto Cup. The new arrangements, to be adopted formally in December, would allow clubs from smaller countries to July is the Premier League's acquire European experience in a new knock-out competition.

Fifa, the game's world governing body, is to update guidelines for referees for next year's World Cup finals following the success of such directives as outlawing the tackle from behind.

The latest step is likely to see players penalised for failing to retreat the full 10 yards at freeRUGBY UNION

#### McGeechan takes Scotland role

Home is where the heart lies, even for hard-bitten sporting professionals with a living to make. Ian McGeechan has finally put bis identity crisis behind him and reaffirmed his Scottish roots by agreeing to act as the eninence grise behind the national side -- a move that sees him link up once again with Jim Telfer, his blood brother on this summer's Lions tour of South

Seven years after guiding the Scots to a famous Grand Slam and taking his country desperately close to an even more significant first victory over the All Blacks, McGecchan has accepted the new role of techtn Rob Wainwright's ambitinus young side. He will add his influential voice to those of Telfer, the Scots' director of rugby, and the two coaches. Richie Dixon and David John-"I'm delighted that lan has

chosen his own folk over those in England," said Duncan ham's most powerful movers Patterson, the Scottish Rugby and shakers. He won 32 Scotmunications, Keith Cooper, Union's executive chairman, tish caps as a centre and has yesterday. "I know the Rugby the rules then they can only ex- . Football Union at Twickenham pect to be booked. I know this 'wanted him badly but I also Springboks. know where his heart lies.

"Scottish rughy owes him a" debt of gravitude and I am. pleased that we have managed in agree terms and fashion a role for both Ian and Jim that . doesn't cut across those of the national coaches."

If that sounded suspiciously tike nne nf those dodgy votes nf confidence that mndern-daychairmen are increasingly prone to deliver, Dixnn was at pains to offer McGeechan a personal welcome. "We can all learn from one another, each of us confident in our respective roles," said the chief coach. "We have to keep our game moving forward and use whatever resources are available to us. It would be very remiss not to use Ian's experience and ability to

Currently lucked into a seven-year coaching deal at Northampton, McGeechan ruled himself out of the England running last month despite a ringing vote of support from Fran Cotton, one of Twickencoached the Lions to victories over the Wallabies and the

that end."

-- Chris Hewett

could earn personal fortunes overnight if the Premier League is allowed to press ahead with its plan to introduce the Bosman ruling to the domestic transfer market this summer.

current contracts expire in June.

It says it has the support of

#### kicks. Fifa's director of comsaid: "If players don't respect

ing-off for what is a technical

· causes some concern because it might be a player's second yellow card and lead to his send-

offence, but players will just have to accept this is the price they will pay." Sheffield Wednesday were yesterday told by a transfer tri-

The Hartlepool United alleged salary cap violations. chairman Harold Hornsey has :

Rangers want to re-sign their

from Kansas City Wizards.

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NATIONWIDE POOTBALL LEAGUE

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION Kilmernock y Rangers (745).

BASKETBALL

#### Five under investigation

bunal to pay Southampton £1.6m : Players from five Budweiser for Jim Magilton. Wednesday League clubs are under threat had offered £600,000 for the . of losing their places when the Northern Ireland midfielder, owners and administrators meet while Saints valued him at £3.5m. this weekend to investigate

With regional variations, sold his controlling interest in the ; clubs are restricted to spending chib to an Aberdeen-based oil £140,000 in total on players' company, Integrated Oil Re- : salaries. The League chief excovery, and has stood down as ecutive, Mike Smith, said: "Each chairman. His replacement is; of the players on the five clubs Ken Hoderoft, the joint owner of has been issued with a tempo-

rary licence until mid-October." Licences of individual former captain, Richard Gough, : players could be revoked if that total wage bill under the cap.

Previously, clubs who exceeded the limit were allowed to maintain their entire squads while ensuring the 10 players for each game had a combined salary within the restriction.

"That's no longer allowed." Smith said. "If clubs exceed the cap, then players will be deregistered and no longer allowed to play for that club."

It might also be hard for the suddenly unemployed to join other top clubs. Most of the 13 teams fill half their bench with Americans and must also include is necessary to bring a club's two under-22 age group players.

#### SPORTING DIGEST

Load of Rubbish". They could full debut 10 days ago.

#### Norwegians nose ahead

Just yards separated the leaders Biscay for the first stop-over of in the Whitbread Race vester- Cape Town, the fleet was beginday as a combination of freak winds, strong puffs and even fog a caused first a concertina ontwards and then a little more bunching. As darkness fell, it was Norway's Knut Frostad who took up the lead relinquished by Grant Dalton in Merit Cup and Paul Cavard squeezed EF Lan-

guage into second place. But, as the 10 boats headed south and west across the Bay of

FOOTBALL RESULTS

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co 1; Cincirnal 3 Houston 6. ning to split into groups as the top six boats, which includes the British entry, Lawrie Smith's Silk Cut, in fourth place, pulled away from the trailing quartet. A gap of nearly 30 miles sep-

arates them from the next four with the all-woman crew of EF Education, skippered by Chris-WESTERN DIVISION Seetle time Guillou, lying 70 miles behind Frostad after just 48 hours. -- Stuart Alexander CENTRAL DIVISION

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Bell's Scottish Premier League 40 Aberdeen v Duriermi First Division Also pisying (not on coupons): Brighton v Rochdele, Scunitorpe v Hull, Swarsea v Leyton Orient, Torquey v Doncaster. This houses Aston Ville, Dorby, Totterhern, Han-chester City, Notsinghern Forset, Westond, Ber-net, Hiberrien, Rumanca, Hernitica.

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Bristol City have reported an operat-ing loss of £387,872 for the 12 months to 31 May 1997. The club made an operating profit of £52,316 over the same period before transfer fees and deprecault.
Kosice, the Stovekian champions who were besten 3-0 by Marichester United in the Champions' League last week, yesterday appointed the 52-year-old Karol Pecas as their new coech in succession to Jan Kozak,

Boston Trace Trace

Northamptonshire have been cleared by the England and Wales Cricket Boards disciplinary panel of making an flegal approach to the Yorkshire player Gavin Hemilton.

Worcestershires Graenze Hick is to play one-day cricket for Auckland in New Zeeland this winter, after playing for England in the Sharjah one-day tour-nament in December. Stuart Law has agreed to return as Es-serts oversees player next season. The 22-year-old Australian has made more than 5,000 runs in all competitions in his two seasons with the county.

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Hockey England beat Pakistan 3-1 yesterday at Milton Keynes to proceed to Friday's sent-fines of the World Junior Cup. Adrian Simons scored twice and Mark Pearn struck the third. Mark Peern struck the time.

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Matt Volland, the Northempton prop, will replace Bristol's injured Miles Worsley in England's emerging players squad to train with England's effe squad at Bisham Abbey today. Siu Taumabio, the Ebbw Vale full-back, has been named in the Tongan squad to face Wales at Stradey Park, Llaneli, on 16 November. CLUB\_MATCH: Newbridge 17 Caraff 55.

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# Spurs offer £5m plus a player for Ravanelli

Fahrizio Ravanelli. whu has be- after the failure of Ravanelli to come a £7m millstone around Middlesbrough's neck\_ could he on his way to Tottenham.

The 28-year-old Italian striker with a flair for flamboyanı goals and exorbitant wage demands is the subject of a £5m bid by Spurs. The Premiership club are also prepared to sweeten the deal by offering Ruel Fox or to avoid relegation had put any Chris Armstrong as well as cash. thoughts of buying new players Middlesbrough invited offers on hold.

TENNIS: GRAND SLAM CUP

agree terms with Everton or secure a move back to Italy. He met the Boro chairman, Steve Gibson, on a flying visit to Teesside yesterday, only hours after the club's manager, Bryan Robson, had stated that the mao who scored 31 goals last season during his team's vain attempt

"I won't move into the transfer market until the Ravanelli situation is sorted out," said Robson, who has made it clear that he does not want the former Juventus forward to train with his first-team squad.

Spurs see Ravanelli as the player with the skills to lift. them out of a disappointing start to the season, which has not been helped by a worrying injury to Les Ferdinand, their £6m

summer signing from Newcastle United.

The outcome will again depend on Ravanelli's salary. His reported £40,000 a week at Boro is unlikely to be matched by Spurs, but they may be prepared to shell out £30,000 a week. A severance payment from Boro would also soften the financial blow for the grey-haired "White

Across London, West-Ham

er, with a £1.5m move for Dele Adebola, the 22-year-old Crewe Alexandra striker.

la has made his mark in the First Division this season and Crewe would be unwise to reject the Hammers' bid, because the 6ft 3in front-runner will be out of contract at the end of the season.

If he leaves, Adebola will become the third Crewe player to

the last couple of months. Dan-ny Murphy has already made #2.6m from Sheffield Wednesny Murphy has already made first-team appearances at Liv-The Liverpool-born Adebo- erpool since a £1.5m switch, while Robbie Savage went to Leicester for £750,000.

Carltoo Palmer yesterday completed a £1m move to Southampton from Leeds United. But the former England midfielder's transfer came too late for him to face his old club

have set their sights a little low- step into the Premier League in at The Dell tonight. The 31day in 1994.

Howard Kendall has made a player-plus-cash offer to Manehester City for Uwe Rösler. The Everton manager is willing to let defender Earl Barrett go to Maine Road and also hand over £500,000 for the transferlisted German striker.

Martin makes peace with **Ballesteros** 

GOLF: RYDER CUP

Peace has broken out in time for the Ryder Cup. Miguel Angel Martin and the Cup Committee have settled their differences and a press conference today will confirm it is possible to get a 'square head" back into the cirele of the European team.

Seve Ballesteros, Europe's captain, had some fairly unensant things to say about his fellow Spaniard who, having qualified for the Ryder Cup, was not happy about being ejected when he failed to submit to a fitness test un his injured wrist.

As well as questioning the dimensions of Martin's head. Ballesteros was scornful of his threat to take the matter to court. "He was not welcome in the team before," a furious Seve said. "Do you think he is welcome now?"

Well, he is now. The peace was brokered at an hour-long meetiog at the team's hotel at San Roque atteoded by Martin, Ken Schofield, the executive director of the PGA European Tour, Richard Hills, the director of the Ryder Cup, and Pedro Cardelus, the vice presideot of the Spanish Golf Federation. "Miguel Angel is morally reestablished in the team and is now looking to the future, not the past," Cardelus said.

"It's over and I am happy," Martin said. "I am here fur the week. I am a member of the team. I'm even in the next room to Seve. I'm going to see him straightaway.

Martin would not say any more until this morning but previously had stated he would not settle for the £3,500 expenses the other team members receive. Europe now has a non-playing cuptain and a non-playing player.

One of the singletons in the American team is Tiger Woods, whose father did not intend to travel due to his recent heart bypass but would have liked an invitation. "Both my dad and my mum were upset because not too many 21-year-olds make the Ryder Cup team," Woods said.

"I don't have a spouse or a girlfriend so they wondered if one that is not the policy. My dad will be watching on the television."

There was good news for Ballesteros in the performance on the first day of official practice of Jose Maria Olazabal, who was handed Martin's place but had been doubtful about his form. "Yes, he is not playing too good," Seve said. "He was only five un-

#### Rusedski finds the aces to grab a fistful of dollars Greg Rusedski marked his debut at the \$6m Washington. Compaq Grand Slam Cup yesterday with a

first-round victory that will add at least \$250,000 to prize-money fast approaching \$1 m for the year. John Roberts sees Britain's sharpshooter start fast in Munich.

The cost of the oew apartment Greg Rusedski has his eyes on in London was more than covcred by the British No I's win against Australia's Todd Woodhridge io the opeoing round of the Compaq Graod Slam Cup bere last night.

quarter-finalist, win or lose tomorrow against Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the world No 4, Rusedski's bank balance is almost as high as his confidence. Moreover, he is rapidly developing into a man for all surfaces. A finalist at the United

States Open on the mediumpaced concrete courts of New York, Rusedski has since raised finals on the slow clay of Bournemouth and cashed in on the fast indoor carpet at Munich's Olympic Hall.

Such progress demands a degree of luck along with skill and hard work. It was Rusedski's good fortuoe here that his opnonent was feeling the effects of travelling to Bavaria directty after last weekeod's Davis United States and Australia in

"I think the time zone was on my side," Rusedski said after recovering from a disappointing start to win, 4-6, 6-1. 7-5 after an bour and 50 min-

The Australian questioned the fairness of the situation. "You can't prepare for getting off a plane and having two hits oo a court and playing a match. You just can't do that," he said. "I was actually interested why, in particular, myself, Mark [Woodforde) and [Marcelo] Rios, who came from different continents, had to play today. There's a match tomorrow involving guys who had Davis Cup [ties] to play in Europe."

Woodbridge, who won Sat-Guaranteed \$250,000 as a urday's Davis Cup doubles rubber partnering Mark Woodforde against Pete Sampras and Todd Martin, broke Rusedski in his first two service games and led 4-0 before the Briton could gather himself. Standing a yard behind the baseline, Woodbridge was returning Rusedski's missiles with comparative case at this stage.

Rusedski broke back for 2-4 his ranking to No 10 in the and salvaged some self belief by saving three break points at 3-5 before his opponent served out monitor with such regularity the first set after 38 minutes.

If Woodbridge had succeeded in parrying Rusedski thus far, his own serve was beginning to cause ominous problems for the Australian. By the end of the match he had double-faulted 14 times. Whether this was a consequence of jet-lag, let-jag or simply trying too hard is difficult Cup semi-final between the to judge. But it was costly.

that he might have been composing a tune. Rusedski, meantime, was mounting up the aces

to a total of 20. Chipping and charging to put Woodbridge's serve under pressure, Rusedski levelled the match and then created three opportunities to break at the start of the final set. Woodbridge showed signs of losing his

Midway through the second composure, bitting the side of for the opening set at 5-4, and Bruguera showed his frus- especially in the second set, set, Woodbridge was setting his shoes with his racket. But he was subsequently punished by tratioo by whacking his chair where I thought things might point doubts surfaced concerning Rusedski's prospects.

Greg Rusedski attacks a forehand volley during his three-set defeat of Todd Woodbridge in Munich vesterday

The Britoo responded by saving three break points at 3-4, breaking for 6-5 and recovering from 0-30 to hold for

Kafelnikov defeated Sergi Bruguera 6-4, 6-3. The Spaniard was unable to take advantage of a break point after Kafelnikov double-faulted when serving

> The top brass of Pontypridd mounted a

charm offensive of sorts

yesterday, assuring the

Frenchmen of Brive

that this weekend's

Heineken Cup match

at Sardis Road would

would be welcomed.

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Chris Hewett hears a plea

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prevail.

the Russian's forehand.

Kafelnikov broke the Spaniard to love in the opening game of the second set, only to double-fault on a game point for 2-0. Bruguera broke back, luring Kafelnikov into overhitting a backhand. The Spaniard could not make further progress, however, losing his serve in the third game after oct-

ting a backhand.

Pontypridd assure Brive of

warm welcome to Wales

change-over. Kafelníkov made better use of his racket, driving a forehand across the court to convert his second match point with Bruguera serving at

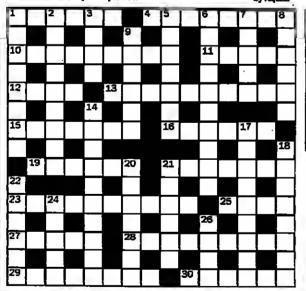
"I like the indoor surface. because my game is very simple," Kafelnikov said. "I rely oo my groundstrokes and a little bit on my serve. There were a couple of stages in the match,

stages I was able to play the right shot at the right time. That's why it was a pretty comfortable win for me."

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Woodforde, substituting for the injured Richard Krajicek. made an encouragiog start against Rios, winning a tiebreak, 7-2. The Chilean steadied his game and wore down his fellow left-hander to win 6-7.

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> Saturday, they'll be searched." set rumbling by the outbreaks ao insult-swapping scenario; of violence during and after Ponty's match in Brive 11 word that could be interpret-

apiece - half of it suspended - by the tournament directors and told to get oo with Saturday's return. The Weishmen were none too happy at the size of that penalty but swallowed it with gritted teeth. Their opponents, meanwhile, finally overcame their reservations about visiting the Sardis Road bear pit and agreed to turn up, although their presideot, Patrick Sebastien, said he would resign at the end of

It was the bodyguard business that really flummoxed Cenydd Thomas. As if Poutypridd's genial chief executive did not have enough problems oo his plate in smoothing the path for Saturday's renewal of rugby hostilities with Brive, he had just been informed of the French side's threat to fly in their own security men. "Bodyguards? What's go-

ing on here?" a flabbergasted Thomas asked yesterday. Why would they need their own bodyguards? What's more, what are these bodyby will be the winner." guards planning to bring with them? Knuckle-dusters? Knives? Handguns? It's ridiculous, completely over the top. If French security men try to come into the ground on

days ago continue to register ed as an insult to anyone on the playing field.

him in." Pootypridd officials have met with the local constabulary to discuss a "realistic and sensible" level of policing and

the season in protest at the board's failure to discipline Pouty more heavily. We're looking forward to Saturday," Thomas said. "To have moved the game to a neutral veoue, as was suggested in some quarters, would have been the most unjust panishment of all because our supporters want the chance to come along and get behind us. They'll do it with passion but they won't be hostile or abusive. All visitors from Brive, be they players or supporters, can rest assured they will be treated well. Rug-

Having heard the Ponty hordes described as "semicivilised animals" by Laurent Seigne, the Brive coach, Thomas did his level best to temper his response. "We have deliberately not allowed The sporting earthquake, ourselves to be dragged into we have not uttered a single

on rugby's equivalent of the Richler Scale. On Thesday, the clubs were fined £30,000 civilised? At least we've reached that stage. I don't know what category it leaves

> stewarding for Saturday's. match. Thomas said he would also contact his opposite number in Brive as a matter of urgency to extend the hand of friendship and guarantee the Frenchmen a safe and eojoyable, if not successful, weekeod in the heartland of Welsh rugby. That the match will be a sell-out is a certainty and that should help Ponty survive the serious deot in their bank balance caused by their unprecedented financial penal-"We've already suffered financial punishment because of this episode - we were forced to rearrange our flights hack home from Brive and that doubled our travelling expenses - but we'll find the money somehow," Thomas said. "Mind you, we'll also be keeping a very close eye on future disciplinary activity."

And with good reason. By insisting that the oo-field violence alone could be taken into account - French police are still investigating the après-match shenanigans the directors are hostages to fortune. If every mass punchup carries a £30,000 penalty. we could sooo see more clubs in the bankruptcy court than



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